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Title:

HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

No credit or police record, Palo Alto, California.

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#### DETAILS:

#### AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

The records of the Palo Alto Credit Bureau were searched on December 10, 1960 by Mrs. JEAN STICKNEY and no information identifiable with HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD. JR. or his wife was located.

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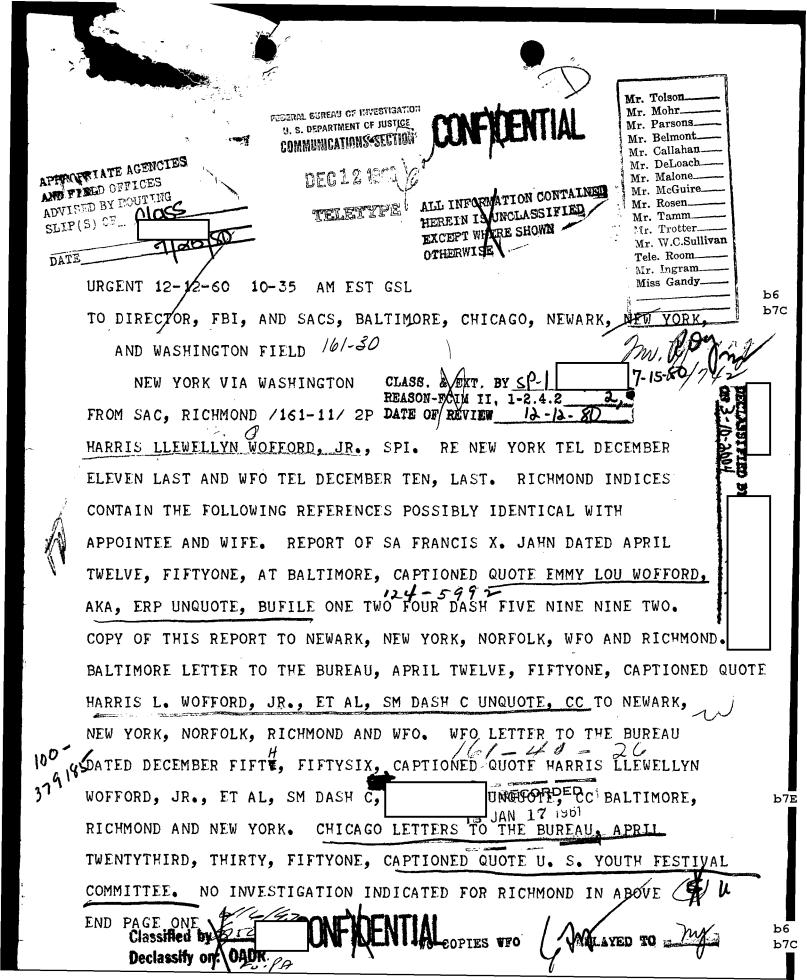
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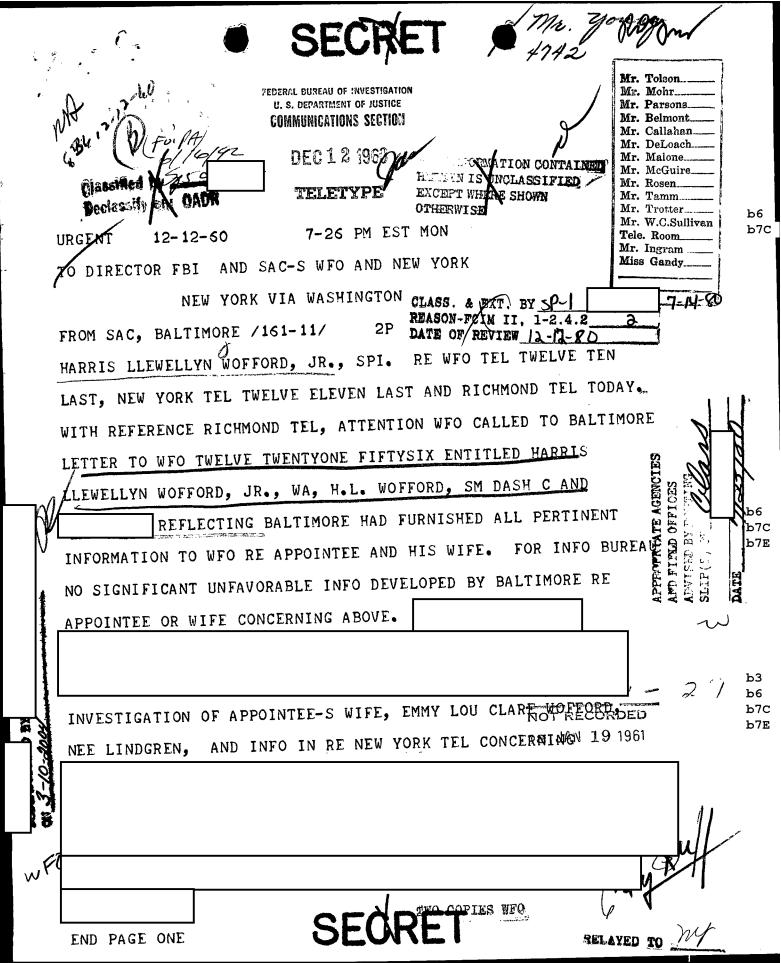
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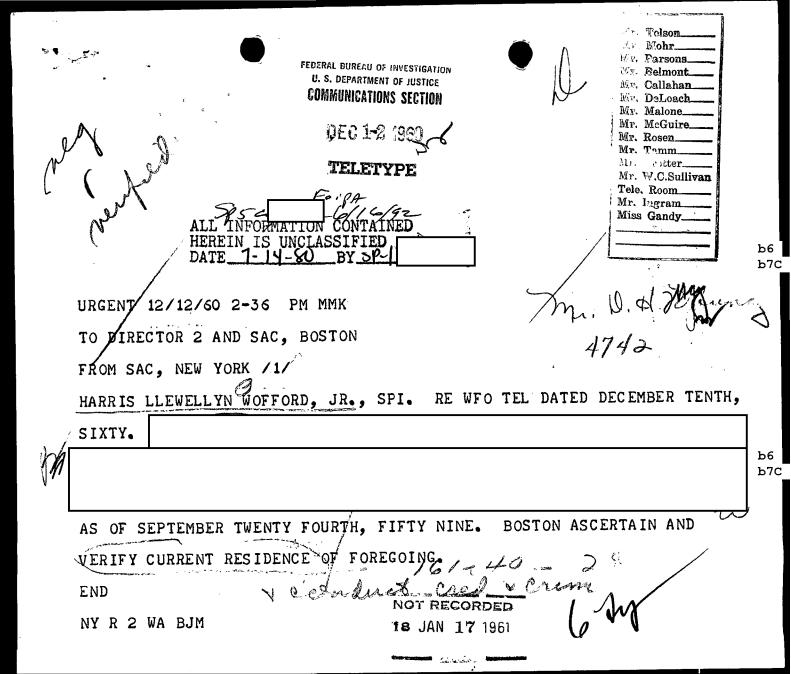
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HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR.

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New York, New York

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Neighborhood investigation favorable. Reference recommends. Credit record on appointee, his parents and brother clear. No arrest record for appointee or family. Information concerning "India Afire" written by appointee and his wife and "US" by appointee set out. Information incerning appointee's contact with STANLEY D. LEV. WILL MASLOW. Information concerning LEV. MASLOW set out. No record of appointee or family at BSS, NYCPD, and they are not known to NYC confidential informants. No record of appointee at "New York Times".

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Employment

"New York Herald Tribune" 230 West 41st Street New York, New York

On December 12, 1960, Miss SOPHIA LANGE, Secretary, Personnel Office, advised that she had no record of the appointee.

On December 12, 1960, Mr. FRANK GULIZIA, Payroll Clerk, advised that his office would have no record of the appointee's employment, inasmuch as he apparently was not on the regular payroll of the company, but merely contributed a few articles.

It is noted that the appointee's wife was investigated in 1951 under the title "EMMY LOU CLARE WOFFORD, nee LINDGREN, also known as Mrs. Harris L. Wofford; EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM", and the New York report of SA CHARLES W. MILLER, dated April 17, 1951, contains information concerning two articles written by the appointee for the "New York Herald Tribune". It also contains information concerning the appointee's connection with the Foundation for World Government, American Veterans Committee, Student Federalists and an interview with the appointee concerning the World Youth Festival in Prague, in August, 1947.



#### Reference

On December 12, 1960, Mr. SHERWOOD E. SILLIMAN, Attorney, 122 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, who resides at 233 Madison Road, Scarsdale, New York, advised that the WOFFORD family lived in Scarsdale from the early 1920's until 1955, when they moved to 90 Morningside Drive, New York City, where the appointer's parents currently reside. He said the family consists of the appointee, his parents, HARRIS LLEWELLYN, Sr. and ESTELLE GARDNER WOFFORD, his

and his sister, who resides in Ohio.

He stated that he has known the WOFFORDs as close friends for over 20 years and holds them in the highest regard. He said they are of the highest character and integrity and that they are entirely loyal to the United States.

Mr. SILLIMAN said that the appointee is a brilliant, personable, courageous young man who is "not afraid to stick his neck out on any issue". He said the appointee is a Liberal in that he is interested in a great many world problems and is particularly interested in granting Negroes their civil rights. He said that he is definitely anti-Communist and feels that America should deal firmly with Russia. He said the appointee believes we should forcefully bring to the attention of the Russians that the citizens of the United States have a great many more liberties than the Russian people and that the rights of the Negroes in this country are vitally connected with proving this to the Russians. SILLIMAN said that the appointee and his wife traveled in India for almost a year on a Foundation grant and became greatly interested in the freedom of the people of India, and he became a great admirer of MAHATMA GHANDI. He said the appointee and his/wife wrote a bbok based on their experiences in India entitled "India Afire". This book told of the struggle of India for freedom, supported its cause and urged that the United States and the free people of the world should assist them. Inforcement of enquentry to for the Region of the Reserved b6 b7C



Mr. SILLIMAN said that he would heartily endorse the appointee for a top level position with the government because of his great ability, high ideals, high standards of personal conduct and loyalty to the United States.

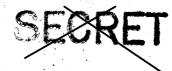




#### Neighborhood

Mrs. HELEN KEENE, 21 Wayside Lane, Mrs. J.M. HICKERSON, 18 Wayside Lane, and Mrs. LELIA HYNSON, 14 Wayside Lane, Scarsdale, New York, advised SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON, JR., on December 13, 1960, that they have known the appointee and his family 26, 8 and 10 years respectively. All stated that the WOFFORD family was highly regarded in Scarsdale, during the time they knew the family. They knew of nothing derogatory that would reflect upon the character, reputation, loyalty or associates of any member of the WOFFORD family. They stated that the WOFFORDS were active in community affairs and interested in the local government and community. All stated they would recommend the appointee very highly for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.





#### Credit and Arrest

On December 12, 1960, Miss PAULINE DE FIORE, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised IC ALFRED G. ENNULAT that her records contain a report dated December 19, 1953, reflecting that HARRIS L. WOFFORD, JR., Longhill Road, Woodbury, Connecticut, has a clear credit record. She stated that her files also revealed that HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, Sr., and his wife, ESTELLE GARDNER WOFFORD, have a clear credit record. She stated further that JOHN G. and his wife, JOAN WOFFORD, 21 Ellery Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, former address 90 Morningside Drive, New York City, have a clear credit rating. No record was located for EMMY LOU CLARE WOFFORD, nee LINDGREN.

On December 12, 1960, SA DAVID G. JENKINS caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked by Captain ARTHUR L. MORGAN, Bureau of Criminal Identification; Lieutenant JOSEPH H. MC CABE, Information Unit; Lieutenant RICHARD A. MOUNT, Old Records Room (all of the above of the New York City Police Department); and Mr. JOSEPH TRUBIA, Fingerprint Bureau, Magistrate's Court, City of New York. No record was located for HARRIS WOFFORD, JR., HARRIS WOFFORD, Sr., ESTELLE GARDNER WOFFORD, or

On December 13, 1960, Mr. NOEL BATES, Manager, Westchester Credit Bureau, 300 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, New York, advised SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON, Jr. that his records reflect that HARRIS L. WOFFORD, JR. and EMMY LOU WOFFORD, 9 Wayside Lane, Scarsdale, New York, have a clear credit record. He stated that HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, SR., and ESTELLE WOFFORD, 9 Wayside Lane, Scarsdale, New York, also have a clear credit record. He stated that he could locate no record for ANN TOWSON, nee WOFFORD.

On December 13, 1960, Chief of Police JAMES M. LYONS, Scarsdale New York Police Department, advised SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON, JR., that he could locate no record for the appointee or the members of his family as set forth above.



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#### Miscellaneous

On December 11, 1960, the Book Review Digest was reviewed at the New York Public Library, 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, by SA PATRICK J. COLLINS, JR. The following information was elicited:

"India Afire" by HARRIS WOFFORD and Mrs. CLARE (LINDGREN) WOFFORD. This book was published by J. Day and Company, New York, New York, in 1951.

"Two young Americans, enthusiastic World Federalists, spent some six months in India during the hot and rainy seasons of 1949, with a few days in Pakistan on their way home. Their interest was in economic and social problems; they paid brief visits to areas of village and urban disturbances, centers of ruralship, and party meetings, and had a number of interviews with prominent personalities. Their report is immediate and personal rather than historical and analytical, and is full of shock, indignation, and reproof for the country and its leaders." This review from the "Nation"; issue not specified.

"The most interesting parts are those describing authors' stay in the Communist-dominated districts of the Hyderabad state and giving their impressions of the leaders and prospects of the Socialist Party, which they regard as the hope of India in place of the decaying Congress." This review from the "Nation 175; 525 Je 2'51 220w".

The Book Review Digest further reflects that a HARRIS WOFFORD, JR. had a book published by the Harcourt Brace and Company, New York, New York, in 1946, entitled "It's up to us; federal world government in our time". The Book Review Digest contained the following information:



"What the author has to say deserves to be judged by the cogency of its logic, not by the youth of the author and those for whom he speaks." This review from the "Christian Century 63; 843 Jl 3'46 llow."

"Maturity of insight and judgement characterize significant contribution of nineteen-year-old founder of Student Federalist Movement. It should be read by young and old." This review from the "Library J. 71; 824 Je 1'46 90w."

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Mrs. MARY ALICE IPEKDJIAN, 1 Reimer Road, Scarsdale, New York, wrote a letter to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), dated February 28, 1952, in which she states "the World Federalists and Student Federalists are growing in numbers and their doctrines spreading like wildfire." She states "It's Up to Us" by HARRIS WOFFORD, JR., explains the student movement and the ultimate aim. She names several prominent persons who urge our youth to read this book. Mrs. IPEKDJIAN goes on to say:

"The dreadful deceit that Harris Wofford Jr. uses is deplorable - I love my country too much to stand by idle, while supposedly good American citizens betray our country and get others to betray it with them.

"Another book has been written by the same author, this time together with his wife, CLAIR. This book has done even more harm."

By letter to the FBI, Washington, D.C., dated February 17, 1952, Mrs. MARY ALICE IPEKDJIAN, 1 Reimer Road, Scarsdale, New York, advised that HARRIS WOFFORD, JR., has written a book entitled "It's Up to Us" and that he and his wife wrote another book "India Afire." In regard to these books, she said "they certainly seemed unAmerican to me."

Mrs\_MARY ALICE IPEKDITAN, 2-N, Thornycroft Apartments, Garth Road, Scarsdale, New York, advised SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON, JR., on December 13, 1960, that she had never met the appointee. However, she stated about five or six years ago, she read two books written by the appointee which pertained to a "One World Movement." Mrs. IPEKDJIAN advised that she did not know the nature of "One World Movement" and did not know whether it was a subversive movement or not; therefore, she wrote a letter to the FBI. She stated that the names of the books she read were "India Afire" and "It's Up to Us." She further stated that in the event that the "One World Movement" was not a subversive organization, than she knew of nothing derogatory that would pertain to the appointee.



information that STANLEY D. LEVISON, an attorney at 6 East 39th Street, New York City, has been in frequent contact with HARRIS WOFFORD, JR., 1226 Rebecca Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, whom LEVISON described as counsel to Father HESBURGH, member of the President's Commission This information indicated that LEVISON's on Civil Rights. contacts with WOFFORD have been in connection with WOFFORD's capacity on the Federal Commission on Civil Rights. LEVISON Levison had also put WOFFORD in contact with WILL MASLOW, Director of the Department of Public Affairs of the American Jewish. Congress. During their contacts, WOFFORD had told LEVISON that the Federal Commission on Civil Rights and its staff were incredibly uninformed and were in need of background material that could be furnished by LEVISON and MASLOW. The information also indicated that LEVISON and MASLOW had both made recommendations to WOFFORD as to persons to be hired and not to be hired by the Commission and that WOFFORD had furnished them with information concerning the Commission's present and future activities and plans. New York T-l is unavailable recontact.

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occasion, LEVISON wrote to HARRIS WOFFORD, an attorney in Alexandria, Virginia, who is the counsel to Father HESBURGH of Notre Dame University. Father HESBURGH, is believed to have been appointed to a special five member committee to examine the Constitutional rights. She stated that LEVISON sent long lists of names of individuals and organizations to WOFFORD to be made available to this group by WOFFORD.

Concerning STANLEY D. LEVISON, it is noted that New York T-2 advised on December 13, 1960, that STANLEY LEVISON has been a contributor to the Communist Party for several years and described him as a secret member of the Communist Party.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On September 14, 1942, WILL MASLOW stated to SA CHARLES A. HARDISON that he had been a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild appears in the appendix section of this report.



In December, 1960, several confidential informants, who have a knowledge of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, advised that they do not know the appointee, his wife, parents, brother or sister.

On December 12, 1960, SA DAVID G. JENKINS caused the records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, to be checked by Inspector SANFORD D. GARELIK. No record was located for the appointee or the members of his family as set forth under the caption Credit and Arrest.

On December 12, 1960, Mr. JULIUS GELLER, Information Bureau, the "New York Times", New York, New York, advised SA ALBERT FRANZ that he had no record for HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR., in the files of this bureau.

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It is noted that CHARLES G. BOLTE, was given as a reference by the appointee and result of his interview is set forth in the New Haven report in this case. A preliminary investigation of BOLTE was conducted in 1951, under the caption "CHARLES GUY BOLTE, Advisor on Security Council Affairs, Office of the Security Representative in the Security Council, United States Mission to the tions, Department of State, New York, New York, Loyalty of Government Employees."



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#### Board of Elections

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The records of the Westchester County Board of Elections, White Plains, New York, were reviewed by SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON, JR. on December 13, 1960, for the years 1933 through 1954. The records revealed that the appointee and his relatives when registering and indicating a party preference indicated a preference for one of the two major political parties. The only exception was in 1952, when the appointee registered Liberal, and again in 1949 and 1950, when the appointee and his wife, EMMY LOU, both registered Liberal.



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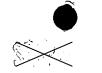
#### **Relatives**

On December 11, 1960, Mr. CHARLES EVANS, Assistant Building Superintendent, 90 Morningside Drive, New York, New York, advised that Mr. HARRIS L. WOFFORD, SR. resides in apartment 3B with his wife, ESTELLE. Mr. EVANS stated that Mr. WOFFORD is a Dean at Columbia University, and that he is an excellent tenant.



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#### NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Lawyers' Guild":

#### "National Lawyers' Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
  (Special Committee on Un-American
  Activities, House Report 1311 on the
  CIO Political Action Committee,
  March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'

  (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself.

  Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"



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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York 21, New York December 13, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. New York 161-29

Harris Llewellyn Wofford, Jr.

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Synopsis:

GORDON M. TIFFANY, Staff Director; BERL BERNHARD, Deputy Director; and GEORGE M. JOHNSON, member, U. S. Civil Rights Commission, recommended WOFFORD highly as to character, reputation, associates and considered him to be loyal American.

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DETAILS: AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

On December 14, 1960, GORDON M. TIFFANY, Staff Director; BERL BERNHARD, Deputy Director; and GEORGE M. JOHNSON, member, U. S. Civil Rights Commission, Washington, D. C., stated they are presently holding a hearing in the Federal Building, Detroit, Michigan. They stated they have known HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR. for two years, seven years, and ten years, respectively. They considered WOFFORD to be a brilliant, honest, reliable, and capable person, and an extremely satisfactory worker. They considered him to be a person of excellent character, reputation, and associates, and a loyal American. They stated he served as a fellow member of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights during the period of April, 1958 until September, 1959. He served as a Legal Assistant to Father THEODORE M. HESBURGH, Commissioner, U. S. Commission on Civil Rights. They all recommended WOFFORD highly for a position of confidence and trust with the U. S. Government.

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Mr. BERL BERNHARD stated he has known WOFFORD since 1953 when they attended the Yale University Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, and also had frequent contact in Washington, D.C. and as fellow members of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Mr. GEORGE M. JOHNSON stated he was formerly Dean of the Howard University Law School, Washington, D.C., and was acquainted with WOFFORD as a former student at this university. Mr. JOHNSON stated he is now President of the University of Nigeria, West Africa.

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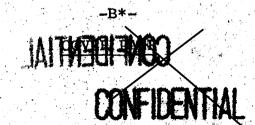
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Appointee's services with staff of Senator KENNEDY, Commission of Civil Rights, Covington and Burling, CHESTER BOWLES, and Howard University verified. Education Howard University verified. Residences verified and satisfactory. No attitional pertinent information Credit Bureau, Inc., and no record MPD, USPP, Arlington County, Virginia PD or Retail Merchant's Credit Bureau of Alexandria, No record OSI. No additional pertinent information G-2. Passport information set out. Appointee admitted to practice law in D.C. No additional pertinent information committee on Admissions and Grievances. No record D.C. Bar Association. Appointee was observed with

HARRIS L. WOFFORD, JR., was investigated under the ERP Program in 1951.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

**EMPLOYMENT** 

Staff of Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY

On December 12, 1960, Mr. ROBERT, LYNN, Clerk, United States Senate Disbursing Office advised SALERTZINGER that he could locate no record concerning the appointee.

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On December 12,1960 Mr. THEODORE C. SORENSON, Assistant to Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY, advised SA ERTZINGER that appointee first began working on Senator KENNEDY's staff on May 15, 1960, but was on the Senator's private payroll. He said he has not known the appointee too well socially or professionally. He indicated he has known WOFFORD since late in 1958 and was familiar with his work for Senator KENNEDY in the field of civil rights. He said that the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty are all above any question and he has observed him to be competent in the work he did for the Senator. He concluded by advising that he would recommend him for a sensitive position with the Government.

Mr. MYER FELDMAN, Legislative Assistant to Senator KENNEDY advised SA ERTZINGER on December 12, 1960, that he has known the appointee the same period of time as Mr. SORENSEN and in the same manner. His comments were substantially the same and he also recommended the appointee for a sensitive position with the Government.

### Commission on Civil Rights

On December 13, 1960, the appointee's official personnel folder was reviewed by SA JOHN F. SULLIVAN at the Personnel Office, Government Services Administration (GSA) (GSA maintains the personnel records for the Civil Rights Commission). The following Federal employment was verified:

4/8/58 Entered on duty under an excepted appointment as an Attorney Advisor (General), GS 14 with the Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, D. C., Office of Laws, Plans and Research.

9/19/59 Resignation to accept appointment at University of Notre Dame.

10/30/59 Excepted appointment-intermittent when actually employed as Consultant, Commission on Civil Rights, Staff Director, Washington, D. C., duty station South Bend, Indiana.

5/14/60 Termination-completion of assignment.



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Celty advance On December 13, 1960, Reverend THEODORE M. HESBURGH. President, Notre Dame University, was contacted at Washington, D. C., and advised SA JOE W. BRISTOL that he has known WOFFORD since early spring of 1958 when WOFFORD became Legal Assistant to him on the Civil Rights Commission. He stated that they were associated in this capacity for approximately 18 months, and he thought so highly of the appointee and his work on the Commission that he brought him to Notre Dame University even though the appointee was of a different religious faith. He stated the appointee taught law at Notre Dame during the 1959-60 school year, and then in May, 1960, went to work on Senator KENNEDY's He described the appointee as intelligent, hard working, discreet and a "very fine" person in every respect. He stated the appointee's work on the Commission and at Notre Dame was excellent. He stated that he had no question regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty, and stated that he would give the appointee his highest recommendation. HESBURGH added that he also knew the appointee's wife and she likewise is a wonderful person.

Covington and Burling 701 Union Trust Building

The following investigation was conducted by SA ALECK G. KARIS on December 12, 1960:

Mr. BURKE MARSHALL, Partner, Covington and Burling, who was also listed as a reference, advised he has known the appointee well professionally and socially for the past eight years. He advised that the appointee worked for their firm as an attorney from August 30, 1954, until March 31, 1958. Mr. MARSHALL described the appointee as a loyal American of excellent character and reputation and one who associates with reputable people. He recommended him for a sensitive position with the Government.

Mr. GERHARD A GESELL Covington and Burling, stated that he has known the appointee very well professionally and socially since August, 1954. He advised that the appointee worked under his supervision at the firm and that during the summer of 1956 the appointee leased his, GESELL's, home for a He further advised that the appointee had also few months. leased a home for a few weeks in the late summer in Alexandria, Virginia, near where he currently resides. Mr. GESELL recommended the appointee furnishing substantially the same information as Mr. MARSHALL.

Mr. JOHN B. JONES JR. Deving on and Burling, advised that he has known the appointed yer well since August, 1954, as a fellow worker and socially as well. He furnished substantially the same information as Mr. MARSHALL and also recommended the appointee for a sensitive position with the Government.

Mr. DEAN G. ACHESON, Covington and Burling, also advised that he has known the appointee since August, 1954, quite well professionally and to some extent socially. He furnished substantially the same information as Mr. MARSHALL concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and also recommended him for a sensitive position with the Government.

### Congressman CHESTER BOWLES (Connecticut)

On December 14, 1960, United States Representative CHESTER BOWLES advised that he has known the appointee since 1953 both professionally and socially. He stated that he regards the appointee as a very good friend despite the difference in their ages and that he considers him to be competent and industrious and a person of very good character, associates, reputation and loyalty. Congressman BOWLES continued that the appointee accompanied him in 1957 on a trip to India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan as an assistant. He also advised that he has the utmost confidence in the appointee in every regard. He stated that the appointee is very strong in his views concerning civil rights and is well informed on the subject. Congressman BOWLES concluded by advising that he is also acquainted with members of the appointee's family and many of his associates and that he would not hesitate to recommend him for a sensitive position with the Government.

Congressman BOWLES also stated that the appointee had assisted him in research matters around the Summer of 1952 in Connecticut, and has worked with him at intermittent periods since that time in a similar capacity.

On December 13, 1960, Mr. THOMAS HUGHES, Executive Secretary to Congressman BOWLES, advised that he has known the appointee since 1941 when both of them were in high school together and that the appointee is probably one of his oldest friends. He continued that they have had very close social contact and that he had introduced the appointee and his wife. He advised further that he knows the appointee's entire family who are all people of very high character, associates, reputation and loyalty. Mr. HUGHES concluded by advising that the appointee has held a number of positions of distinction in the past and he regards him as a most competent person. He said he would recommend him without hesitation for a sensitive position with the Government.



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### Howard University

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM S. MEEHAN on December 13, 1960:

Mrs. OLLIE M. COOPER, Secretary to the Dean, Howard University Law School, advised that the appointee was an instructor on the faculty from 1252 27. 1956 until June 30. 1956. She stated that he taught one course in corporation law and that his record was entirely satisfactory. She stated further that Dean GEORGE M. JOHNSON who supervised the appointee's work was out of the city and not available for interview. Mrs. COOPER stated that she had always regarded the appointee most highly as a member of the faculty and as a former student at the University. She said that nothing had ever come to her attention which would cause her to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty and she recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Mr. JAMES A. WASHINGTON, JR., Professor of Law, advised that he knew the appointee as a student and as a part-time faculty member. He described the appointee as a brilliant individual and regarded him as one of the outstanding young men who graduated from the University in the past two decades. He added the appointee is an excellent speaker and writes well and is a very dignified and refined person in every respect. He continued that the appointee is a person of good character, associates, reputation and loyalty and is highly qualified in legal writing and executive capacity. He said he would highly recommend him for a sensitive position with the Government.

Professor A. MERCER DANIEL advised that he has known the appointee as a student and later as a faculty member. He continued that he had been acquainted with the appointee's family to a limited degree and that he regards all of them as persons possessing unquestioned character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He stated that the appointee is highly regarded in the field of law and said he would recommend him without hesitation for a sensitive position with the Government.

Civil Education Service: 1733 K Street, N.W.

The information in the appointee's passport file at the Department of State reflected that in 1946 he was possibly associated with the Civic Education Service.



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On December 14, 1960, SA GEORGE R. MORESCO was advised by Mr. CLAY COSS, Managing Editor, Civic Education Service, that he vaguely recalled the appointee may have written some articles for them in 1945 or 1946. He stated that the appointee was a young man at this time, either in college or just out of college, but that he recalled nothing else concerning him. He further advised that Mr. WALTER E. MYER who was formerly associated with their firm died in 1955.

On the same date Mr. J. HUBERT ANDERSON, Executive Editor, Civic Education Services, furnished substantially the same information to SA MORESCO as Mr. COSS.

#### EDUCATION

On December 13, 1960, SA MEEHAN reviewed the appointee's scholastic record at Howard University Law School which reflected that he was born April 9, 1926, at New York City. He was admitted to the School of Law on October 16, 1950, as a first year student and a candidate for an LL.B. Degree. He attended as a full time student until June, 1951, and from September, 1951 to June, 1952. He was shown as registered for the fall term, 1952, but no date of withdrawal was shown and he received an incomplete for four courses and no mark shown for three others. Correspondence in the file reflects that he attended Yale University Law School during the fall term, 1952, and the spring term, 1953. He passed all courses at Yale. Correspondence dated April 14, 1954, in the file reflected that the appointee satisfactorily completed work in three courses necessary to receive his degree and the grades of encomplete for 1952-53 were removed by the passing grades received. It was recommended he be granted the LL.B. Degree in June, 1954 as of June, 1953, by the Dean of the Law School. The appointee received his degree on June 4, 1954, cum laude. No additional pertinent information was noted.

Mr. JAMES L. CARY, Dean of Men, advised that as check of his records reflected nothing unfavorable concerning the appointee and stated that he was unable to recall him as a student or as a faculty member.

#### RES IDENCES

1228 Stafford Road; 409 Glasgo Road and 1226 Rebecca Drive, Alexandria, Virginia





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On December 13, 1960, Mrs. RICHARD A. TOUPIN, 409 Glasgo Road, advised SA JOHN E. RODGERS that she has known the appointee, his wife EMMY LOU, as neighbors and friends since 1954. Mrs. TOUPIN said that the family lived around the corner at 1226 Rebecca Drive from 1954 to September, 1959, when they moved to South Bend, Indiana. She said they returned to the area in May, 1960, and leased a house at 1228 Stafford Road. She continued that prior to this they resided at her home and also in a home in the Georgetown Section of Washington, D. C. for about three months awaiting the vacating of 1228 Stafford Road. Mrs. TOUPIN advised that during the period of her association with the appointee and his family, she found them to be people of excellent character, associates, reputation and loyalty. stated that the appointee's associates and friends admire him for his mature sober character and added that she would recommend him for a sensitive position with the Government.

On December 13, 1960, the following individuals furnished substantially the same information to SA RODGERS and also recommended the appointee for a sensitive position with the Government:

Mrs. WILLIAM L. OSTROWSKI 1228 Rebecca Drive Known six years

Mrs. MARTIN ROGIN 1224 Rehecca Drive Known six years

Mrs. GEORGE SORKIN 1230 Rebecca Drive Known six years.

Mrs. SIDNEY B. WOCHTEL 1226 Stafford Road Known three months personally and by reputation in the community for six years.

### 3304 N Street, N.W.

The comments of Mr. GERHARD A. GESELL set forth under the heading of employment verified the appointee's residence at this address.

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### CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

The records of the Credit Bureau, Inc., as caused to be searched on December 10, 1960, by IC JOHN B. ARMSTRONG did not reflect any pertinent information concerning the appointee or his wife, EMMY LOU LINDGREN WOFFORD.

The records of the Metropolitan Police Department as reviewed on December 12, 1960, by SE JOSEPH C. CREEDEN did not reflect any information concerning the appointee or his wife; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On December 12, 1960, SE MAX A. PFOUTZ caused the records of the United States Park Police to be searched and no information was located concerning the appointee or his wife.

On December 13, 1960, SE EDMUND J. EIDEN caused the records of the Retail Merchants Credit Bureau of Alexandria, Alexandria, Virginia, to be searched and no record was located regarding the appointee or his wife.

No record was located for the appointee or his wife in the files of the Alexandria, Virginia, Police Department as caused to be searched by SE EIDEN on December 13, 1960.

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The records of the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, as caused to be searched on December 13, 1960, by IC JAMES D. BARNHARDT did not reflect any information concerning the appointee.

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The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, as reviewed by SA CHARLES F. HURLEY on May 28, 1951, reflected that Passport No. 69016 was issued to the appointee on May 28, 1947. The appointee indicated on his application that he was born April 9, 1926, New York, New York. The file also reflected that the purpose of the visit to Great Britain, France, the Netherlands and Switzerland was for the purpose of

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being a delegate to the First World Conference of Federalists in Geneva and as a representative to European Internationalists Organizations. The passport was renewed on May 24, 1949, by the American Vice Consul at Bombay, India, and was made valid until May 23, 1951. WOFFORD registered at New Delhi, India, March 23, 1949, with his wife.

A letter in the passport file dated May 8, 1947, from the United World Federalists, Inc., 31 East 74th Street, New York, New York, advised that WOFFORD was to represent the United World Federalists in Europe during the summer of 1947 speaking to world government groups in England and France and attending an international convention of federalists to be held in Geneva in August, 1947. This letter reflected that WOFFORD is a member of the National Council of United World Federalists and Vice Chairman of the Illinois State Branch. He was founder and first president of the Student Federalists and wrote the book "It's Up to Us".

The passport file also reflected an application dated January 30, 1946, in which the appointee intended to visit Great Britain, France, Switzerland and Holland as a foreign correspondent for Civic Education Service publications, 1733 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. A letter in the file from WALTER E. MYER of the Civic Education Service requested the passport so that the appointee could represent that organization. This passport was not issued.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by SE FRANCIS E. LTTTLE on December 13, 1960 disclosed that HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, R. was issued Passport No. 263313 on December 12, 1956, for a two and one half month trip to England, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), Poland, Tugoslavia, and France to accompany CHESTER BOWLES on a trip to these and other countries. He indicated that Mr. BOWLES had written to Mr. LOY HENDERSON and Ambassador BOHLEN regarding the trip.

The file contained an affidavit executed by WOFFORD to the effect that Passport No. 69016 issued on May 28, 1947, was lost presumably some time in 1950, and that in the event it was found it would be returned to the Department of State.

No additional pertinent information was contained in the file.



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Mrs. ANNA M. KENNEY, Deputy Clerk, Clerk's Office for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia advised SA OLIVER B. JONES on December 12, 1960, that their records reflect HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR., was admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on October 15, 1954, and that his record was clear.

Mr. RALPH A. CURTIN, Secretary, Committee of Admissions and Grievances of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia advised SA JONES on December 12, 1960, that their office had no complaints registered against the appointee. Mr. CURTIN made available their character report on Mr. WOFFGRD which disclosed no additional pertinent information.

Miss ELLEN YOUNG, Secretary to the Executive Director, the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Washington Building, advised SA HOWARD G. J. FISHER on December 13, 1960, that she could locate no record for the appointee.

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Mrs. HARRIS L. WOFFORD, JR., was investigated in 1951 under the European Recovery Program.



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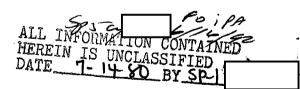
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Report of: SA LAWRENCE G. HEALEY Date: 12/16/60

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HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR.

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Credit and arrest records at Boston, Massachusetts were checked at the request of Investigative Clerk JOHN M. CRAWFORD.

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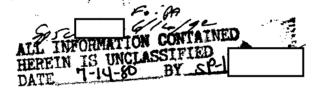
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December 19, 1960

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HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR.

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American Bar Association (ABA) membership files located at Chicago, Illinois, revealed HARRIS WOFFORD, born 4/9/26, place not listed, became a member of the ABA on 10/16/59, and is at present a member in good standing.

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#### Affiliation

On December 16, 1960, Mrs. MARY V. ANDERSON, Clerk, American Bar Association (ABA), 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised a review of ABA membership files revealed HARRIS WOFFORD, born April 9, 1926, place not listed, became an ABA member on October 16, 1959, and is at present a member in good standing. ABA membership files revealed HARRIS WOFFORD claims to have been admitted to legal practice before the Washington, D.C., bar during 1954, specific date not recorded.

Mrs. ANDERSON advised ABA membership and grievance files do not contain any unfavorable information concerning HARRIS WOFFORD. Based upon a review of ABA files, Mrs. ANDERSON stated there is no one currently employed at the ABA's national headquarters located at Chicago, Illinois, who is socially or professionally acquainted with HARRIS WOFFORD.

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	MINA COLLINS, bookkeeper, Democratic National Committee, advised SA PAUL E. ERTZINGER on 12/14/60 that the appointee entered on duty on 8/1/60 as a staff member in the Civil Rights Division, and is currently so employed.
	R. SARGENT ERIVER, JR., who has been commissioned by President elect KENNEDY to handle personnel matters for the new administration, advised SA ERIZINGER on 12/14/60 that he first met the appointee two years ago when they were introduced by the President of Notre Dame University who was an appointed member of the Civil Rights Commission and who had selected WOFFORD to serve as his personal aide. He said WOFFORD was later offered a teaching position at Notre Dame Law School. He recalled that Senator KENNEDY brought WOFFORD to Washington to work with his staff in May of 1960, and in June. 1960, when he, SHRIVER, was designated by KENNEDY to handle the Civil Rights Program for the campaign, he asked they practically ate. Slept and travelled together all the time. Since the election they have also worked closely together on personnel matters for the new administration. He said WOFFORD's ability is further evidenced by the fact that Yale University has also offered him a position in their law school. He continued that he has great respect for the appointee's abilities and knows of no reason to question his 3-Bureau  1-WFO  NOT RECORDED  NOT RECORDED
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character, associates, reputation or loyalty, and he said he would recommend him most highly for a sensitive position with the Government.

On 12/16/60, Mrs. MARJORIE LAWSON, in charge of Civil Rights, Democratic National Committee, advised SA GIBBON E. MCNEELY, whe has known the appointee since May or June, 1960. She said they first met officially when both were working for Senator KENNEDY on Civil Rights matters. She said appointee is a conscientious worker and is devoted to civil rights. She knew nothing that would reflect adversely on his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. She said she would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence, but said she would have some hesitation in recommending him for a position wherein he was in charge of civil rights. She said appointed will run into some opposition by way of "non-acceptance" by members of both the white and negro races. She felt the field of civil rights has been preempted to the negro leaders who have been working for years in the field of civil rights. She said people of his own race and also members of the negro race would be asking why the appointee is devoting his career and time to this field, and many would not accept him.

Mrs. LAWSON said recently the appointee was requested by Senator KENNEDY to form an executive program for civil rights, and the first thing the appointee did was to call in 15 white people for a conference. She wondered at the reason the appointee dd this and the lack of logic in the manner it was done.

On 12/15/60, SA FRANK J. HUDSON reviewed the appointee's investigative file maintained by the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission. On 6/20/58, CSC referred their investigation to the FBI for consideration under Executive Order 10450. On 6/26/58 the Bureau replied to CSC under the caption "HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR., Attorney Advisor - Applicant, General Services Administration, Washington, D. C., Security of Government Employee's" advising that the Bureau contemplated no action under E. O. 10450. No additional pertinent information was noted.

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On 12/19/60, Mrs. AMELIA SCHNEIDER, clerk, Personnel Section, U. S. Secret Service, U. S. Treasury Department, advised SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR., that she could locate no record concerning the appointee. RUC

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December 24, 1960 Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien Washington, D. C. Dear Mr. O'Brien: in accordance with your request on December 8, 1960, an intelligation has, been conducted concerning Harris Llewellyn Wofford, Jr. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation. The investigation of Mr. Wolford covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income. Sincerely yours, Light ATION. 18 JAN 17 1961 Enc Dosure FMF:jpr (11) SEE COVER MEMO STANLEY TO ROSEN 12/23/60. Personally delivered by Mr. Evans Date

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Harris Llewellyn Wofford, Jr.

August 30, 1954, to March 31, 1958

January 27, 1956, to June 30, 1956

April 8, 1958, to September, 1959

September, 1959, to May 15, 1960

May, 1960, to July, 1960

August 1, 1960, to present

October 30, 1959, to May 14, 1960 Attorney, Covington and Burling, Washington, D. C.

Instructor, part time, Howard University Law School, Washington, D. C.

Attorney advisor, Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, D. C.

Visiting associate professor for research, Notre Dame University, Law School, South Bend, Indiana. On leave of absence since May, 1960, but periodically commutes from Washington, D. C., to conduct law class.

Staff member, Office of United States Senator John F. Kennedy, Washington, D. C.

Staff member, Civil Rights Division, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D. C.

Consultant, when actually employed, Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, D. C.

During the Summer of 1952 Mr. Wofford also assisted the Honorable Chester Bowles, presently United States Congressman from Connecticut, in research matters and since then has been intermittently employed by Mr. Bowles in a similar capacity. During 1957 he accompanied Mr. Bowles on a trip to India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.





According to the records of the Passport Division, Department of State, on January 30, 1946, Mr. Wofford made an application for a passport to visit several countries of Europe as a foreign correspondent for the Civic Education Service, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., and this application was supported by a letter from this organization. This passport was not issued. Officials of that company vaguely recalled Mr. Wofford may have written some articles for their organization in 1945 or 1946, but they could furnish no additional information. During this period, 1945-1946, Mr. Wofford resided with his parents in Scarsdale, New York.

Mr. Wofford was admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on October 15, 1954, and no grievances have been filed against him. He became a member of the American Bar Association on October 16, 1959, and is a member in good standing.

### Marital Status

Mr. Wofford was married on August 14, 1948, to

Emmy Lou Lindgren . They

presently reside at 1228 Stafford Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

### II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS

### Interviews

Eugene V. Rostow, Dean, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, who has been acquainted with Mr. Wofford since his attendance at the school, advised that Mr. Wofford was among the best students attending Yale Law School during the past twenty years. He described him as a person of remarkable qualities and great idealism whose interest in Negro affairs prompted him to attend Howard University Law School. Mr. Rostow commented that Mr. Wofford, in his work on the Civil Rights Commission, was confronted with very delicate problems which he handled with great distinction, winning everyone's respect. He considered him a person of outstanding capabilities, of excellent character, and a person whose loyalty has never been questioned.





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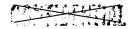
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Harris Llewellyn Wofford, Jr.

Sherwood E. Silliman, attorney, New York, New York, who has been acquainted with the Wofford family for over twenty years, advised that Mr. Wofford and his family are persons of the highest character and integrity and are entirely loyal to the United States. He described Er. Wofford as a brilliant, personable, courageous young man who is "not afraid to stick his neck out on any issue." He considered him "liberal" in that he is interested in a great many world problems and is particularly interested in granting Negroes their civil rights. He stated Mr. Wofford is definitely anticommunist and feels that America should deal firmly with Russia and that we should forceably bring to the attention of the Russians that the citizens of the United States have a great many more liberties than the Russian people. In this connection Mr. Wofford believes that the enforcement of equal rights for the Negroes in this country is witally connected with proving this to the Russians. Mr. Silliman highly recommended him for a position of trust in the Government.

Charles G. Bolte, Riverside, Connecticut, who has been acquainted with Mr. Wolferd for approximately filteen years, advised that he first became acquainted with the latter when they were both members of the American Veterans Committee in New York City. He said that this acquaintanceship developed into a close personal friendship when both he and Mr. Wolford became active in attempting to thwart the efforts of the communist element within the American Veterans Committee to take over this organization. He described Mr. Wolford as a person with a rare combination of nobility of character and good "operational sense." He recommended Mr. Wolford as a definitely loyal America whose character, reputation, and associates have always been of the very highest.





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Reverend Theodore M. Mesburgh, President,
Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, advised he
has known Mr. Wofford since early 1958 when the latter
became his attorney advisor when Reverend Mesburgh served
as a commissioner on the Civil Rights Commission. He
described Mr. Wofford as an intelligent, hard-working,
discreet, and "very fine" person in every respect.
Reverend Mesburgh commented that as a result of his
high regard for Mr. Wofford and his work on the Commission
he was responsible for his employment by Notre Dame University,
even though Mr. Wofford was of a different religious faith.
Reverend Mesburgh stated there was no question concerning
Mr. Wofford's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty,
and highly recommended him for a responsible position.

Congressman Chester Bowles, United States Representative from Connecticut, who has been professionally and socially acquainted with Mr. Wofford since 1953, advised that he considers Mr. Wofford to be a competent and industrious person of good character, associates, and reputation, who is definitely loyal to the United States. He advised that he has the utmost confidence in Mr. Wofford in every regard and would not hesitate to recommend him for a sensitive position with the Government.

Dean G. Acheson, former Secretary of State, and presently connected with the law firm of Covington and Burling, Washington, D. C., advised that he has been well acquainted with Mr. Wofford since August, 1954, on a professional basis and, to some extent, socially. He considered Mr. Wofford to be a loyal American of excellent character, reputation, and associates and advised that he would recommend him for a sensitive position in the Government.



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### Harris Llewellyn Wofford, SECRET

Mrs. Marjorie Lawson, Civil Rights Division, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D. C., advised that she has known Mr. Wofford since May, 1960, as a member of Senator Kennedy's staff concerned with civil rights matters. She considered him a conscientious worker and stated she would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence but commented she would have some hesitation in recommending him for a position in charge of civil rights. She advised that Mr. Wolford will run into some opposition by way of "nonacceptance" by members of both the white and Negro races. Mrs. Lawson felt that the field of civil rights has been pre-empted by Negro leaders who have been working for years in the field of civil rights. She stated the people of Mr. Wofford's own race and also members of the Negro race would be asking why the appointee is devoting his career and time to this field and many would not accept him.

Thirty-one other persons, consisting of business associates, social acquaintances, references, educators, and neighbors were also interviewed and highly recommended Mr. Wofford for a position of trust and confidence in the Government. Those persons advised that the character, reputation, and associates of Mr. Wofford are excellent and he is considered a loyal American citizen.

#### Close Relatives

Mr. Wofford's parents, Harris L. Wofford, Sr., and Estelle Wofford, reside in New York, New York. He has one brother, John Gardner Wofford, who is attending Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and one sister, Mrs. Sheldon (Anne) Towson, who resides in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

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### Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies and law enforcement agencies indicating that their files contain no information concerning Mr. Wofford or his immediate relatives.

### Passport Check

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, disclosed that Mr. Wofford has been issued passports at various times. This is referred to elsewhere in this summary, and the files of the Passport Office contain no additional pertinent information.

### Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Wofford:

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### Miscellaneous

### Student Federalists

An article appearing in the February 21, 1944, issue of "Newsweek" magazine, under a column entitled "Education," reported that in 1942, at the age of fifteen, Harris Wofford, Jr.,

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with seven other students, formed the Pioneer Unit of the Scarsdale, New York, High School Chapter of the Student Federalists. Mr. Wofford was referred to as converted to the plan for a federal union of the world's democracies. At the time the article was written he was described as president of the Student Federalists which consisted of thirty chapters and one thousand members.

### United World Federalists, Incorporated

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, disclosed Mr. Wofford was issued a passport on May 28, 1947, for the purpose of attending the First World Conference of Federalists in Geneva, Switzerland, as a delegate. These records contained a letter dated May 8, 1947, from the United World Federalists, Incorporated, New York, New York, which advised Mr. Wofford was to represent the United World Federalists in Europe during the Summer of 1947, and was to speak to world government groups in England and France and attend an international conference to be held in Geneva.

In August and September, 1947, two articles written by Mr. Wofford appeared in the "New York Herald Tribune" newspaper concerning his attendance at the World Youth Festival held at Prague, Czechoslovakia, in August, 1947, in which he condemned the communist influence at the Festival. During an interview in 1949, Mr. Wofford advised Agents of this Bureau that the Festival was sponsored by the World Federation of Democratic Youth and closely followed the Communist Party line.



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### Mid-Century Conference for Peace

The records of a local government agency which collects security data in the Chicago, Illinois, area disclosed that Harris Wofford of New York City, trustee of the Foundation for World Government, was scheduled as a speaker at the Mid-Century Conference for Peace held on May 29-30, 1950, in Chicago, Illinois, which was sponsored by the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact. These records also disclosed that Harris Wofford of Notre Dame University participated in the Mid-Century Conference for Peace held in Chicago on May 29, 1959, and sponsored by the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact.

With regard to the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact, this organization has been cited by both the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Internal Security Subcommittee of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee in reports dated April 25, 1951 and April 23, 1956, respectively.

According to the records of the above agency Mr. Wofford was received with "poorly concealed distaste" by most of the audience at the 1950 conference. He was reported as saying that "we" do not want the two thirds of the world's population not already under communist domination to fall under their domination and added that "we must clear up the slum areas of the world if we would defeat communism." In this connection it may be noted that the May 31, 1950, issue of the "Daily Worker," former east coast communist newspaper, in reporting on the conference stated that the speech of Mr. Wofford was "liberal with the customary anti-Soviet implications."





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### Foundation for World Government

In January, 1949, Mr. Wofford and his wife were granted a Research Fellowship by the Foundation for World Government for a year's study of social, political, and economic problems in India. Upon their return to the United States they wrote a book titled "India Afire" which was published in 1951. Published reviews of this book stated "their report is immediate and personal rather than historical and analytical and full of shock, indignation and reproof for the country and its leaders."

Dr. Springfellow Barr, professor, Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey, who was former president of the Foundation for World Government, advised that Mr. Wofford was a trustee of the Foundation from November, 1948, until approximately January, 1950. He stated that he has known Mr. Wofford since the latter was seventeen years old and considered him a person of the highest character and integrity, and a loyal devoted American citizen. He described Mr. Wofford as a brilliant lawyer who is also an expert on foreign affairs, particularly on India and the Far East. He said that Mr. Wofford has also had a long career in the civil rights movement and from the time he was a very young man has been interested in the problems of the Negroes in the United States. In this regard Dr. Barr indicated that Mr. Wooford was a friend of Martin Luther King, a prominent Negro leader.

Dr. Barr advised he considered Mr. Wofford to have the most extraordinary and amazing mind of all the men with whom he has ever had contact and considered that he would be well qualified for a position of trust in the Government.





With regard to Dr. Barr, mentioned above, he has been identified as either a sponsor or a signer of petitions of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and the National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act, all of which have been cited by either the House Committee on Un-American Activities or the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. He has, in addition, been identified as a cosigner of published appeals requesting amnesty for the leaders of the Communist Party who had been convicted under the Smith Act.

In connection with Mr. Wofford's travel in India, on March 30, 1951, Laurence Miller, Commissioner of Police, Brentwood, Maryland, furnished a signed statement to Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning a complaint received on March 23, 1951, from residents of an apartment building at 3319 Chauncey Place, Brentwood, Maryland, pertauning to a meeting being held in the apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harris Wofford at that address. Mr. Miller advised that he observed the activities in the apartment through an opened window and observed approximately eight persons, most of whom were of a minority race, in the apartment. He noted that a silent color film in the nature of a travelogue of India was being shown, accompanied by commentaries of Mr. Wofford commentaring India.

A joint signed statement was also furnished on April 1, 1951, by officers Daniel Manual and Carl Hoffman, Mt. Ranier, Maryland, Police Department, concerning the above complaint. Included in their statement was the following comment concerning the film and the commentary of Mr. Wofford:

"We recall that a scene was in the film about a poor village that had bad housing and streets. Upon showing this scene the man remarked to the other 'Do not mistake this. This is not a frontier town in the United States but it is the average village of



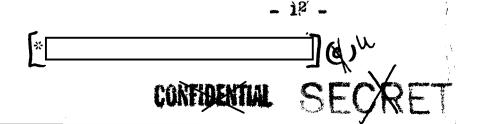


India today. This filthy condition is on account of the domination of England and Capitalistic America. Here you see a country that is divided and weak but when World War III comes, through the great leadership of Stalin, India will be strong and ready. He continued, 'Believe me there will be a World War III."

H. G. Smithy Company, Washington, D. C., which managed Mr. Wofford's apartment, advised in March, 1981, that immediately following the above incident Mr. Wofford complained to that company concerning the objections of neighbors to the mixed gathering referred to above. On that occasion Mr. Wofford commented that he had been showing a film on India to a group of persons from the Indian Embassy, Algerian Embassy, Howard University, and Catholic University.

## United States Youth Pestival Committee

A confidential Informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the United States Youth Festival Committee had been contacted during early 1957 by Harris Wofford, 1226 Rebecca Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. It may be noted that former neighbors of Mr. Wofford advised during this investigation that he had previously resided at this address. This informant advised that Mr. Wofford stated that he had just returned from a trip through the Soviet Union during which he had seen preparations for the Sixth World Festival in Moscow. Mr. Wofford advised this informant that he was interested in American participation, and upon his return to this country had contacted the Soviet Embassy, which had referred him to the United States Youth Festival Committee. Mr. Wofford indicated to this source that he was writing about his experiences in the Soviet Union, particularly concerning the young people, focusing upon the festival and the need for United States participation. Mr. Wofford indicated that he intended to hit as hard as possible the State Department's "reverse Iron Curtain attitude."(4) 11



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With regard to the United States Youth Festival Committee, the above informant advised in early 1957 that the purpose of this organization was to promote United States participation in the Sixth World Festival. According to this source the United States Youth Festival Committee originated in the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship, but disassociated itself from the latter association in order to keep the United States Youth Festival Committee "clean."

A publication of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship identified that organization as an affiliation of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, the latter organization having been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (&)

Contact with Stanley D. Levison

During early 1959 a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Stanley D. Levison, an attorney at 6 East 39th Street, New York City, who has in the past constantly donated funds to the Communist Party, has been in frequent contact with Harris Wolford, Jr., 1226 Rebecca Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Wofford was described as counsel to Reverend Hesburgh, member of the Commission on Civil Rights.

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According to this source, the above contacts were in connection with Mr. Wofford's employment by the Commission on Civil Rights. During such contacts Mr. Wofford advised Mr. Levison that the Commission on Civil Rights and its staff were incredibly uninformed and were in need of background information that could be furnished by Mr. Levison. The information furnished by this source indicated that Mr. Levison had made recommendations to Mr. Wofford as to the persons to be hired and not to be hired by the Commission and that Mr. Wofford had furnished him with information regarding the Commission's present and future activities and plans.

Confidential informants acquainted with certain phases of Communist Party activities in areas where Mr. Wofford has resided were contacted and they advised that Mr. Wofford was unknown to them other than mentioned above.

The centralefiles of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Wofford.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT !emorandum McGuire Rosen DATE: December 23, 1960 ALL INFOMATION CONTAINED Nele Boom . HEREIN IA UNCLASSIFIED C. H. Stanley EXCEPT WHARE SHOWN OTHERWISE \ HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR. SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY HARREL COUNTRION Request received 12/8/60, from Kennedy Administration for investigation of Wofford, who, according to newspaper reports, has acted as an adviser to Senator Kennedy on civil rights matters and is expected to continue in that capacity. angly diamed al RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION: S 3-10-2004 "Wofford, a <u>34-year-old</u> law graduate, has, since an early age, interested himself in civil rights and the problems of Negroes in U.S. This interest prompted him to attend Howard University Law School two years and he has since been employed by Commission on Civil Rights and most recently by Senator Kennedy and the Democratic National Committee as adviser on civil rights. Has traveled abroad extensively and believes in Federal union of world democracies. Has been member of such organizations as Student Federalists, United World Federalists, Foundation for World Government and has attended various conferences dealing with subject. Although he has attended conferences having communist influence, he is considered anticommunist and loyal. However, in 1959, he had contacts with Stanley Levison, New York City attorney, " .... in connection with Commission on Civil Rights matters. identified as Communist Party donor. All persons interviewed recommended favorably." M CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-11 REASON-TOIN II, 1-2.4.2 RECOMMENDATION: DYLE OL SEALED 19-73-80 That attached summary be delivered by Mr. Evans. MCTV 24 Declarativ on: OADR Enclosure Aut 12-27-60 NOT RECORDED 18 JAN 17 1961 FMF:jpr (9) SENT DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

: Mr. Parsons

DATE: December 8, 1960

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE (KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION)

The detailed information which was available on Dean Rusk (the State 7/20/60 summary) was furnished to Lawrence O'Brien, Assistant to the Presidentelect. He was most appreciative of the response to his special request. He read the summary and started to put in a call to the President-elect at New York but before actually putting the call through, changed his mind. O'Brien stated that the information he felt should be most fully studied by him before he made any recommendation to the President-elect and he was going to study the material and take it up with Kennedy on the morning of 12/8/60 as he felt. Kennedy would undoubtedly want to read the summary himself.

O'Brien has made available a list of 21 names of frominent individuals of whom the new administration would like to have investigations. All are being considered for responsible positions in the incoming administration. The list is as follows:

Dean Acheson

Former Secretary of State

Dr. Ralph Bunche

Of the United Nations

Abram Chayes

Professor at the Harvard Law School

Archibald Cox

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Paul Freund

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Of New York City

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Arthur Goldberg

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Memorandum for Mr. Parsons

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Phillip Klutznick

Chicago businessman

Herschel Loveless

Governor of Iowa

George Stanley McGovern Member of Congress from South Dakota

**Newton Minow** 

Lawyer associated with Adlai Stevenson's

firm .

William Robert Poage

Member of Congress from Texas

Frank Reeves

Washington lawyer and prominent

Negro leader

James Rowe

Washington, D. C. lawyer and former

Justice Department official

Adlai Stevenson

Thomas J. Watson, Jr.

President of the International Business

Machines Corporation

Byron White

Denver lawyer who was active in the

Kennedy campaign

Harris Wofford

Currently employed by the Democratic

National Committee

Adam Yarmolinsky

Now employed by the Democratic

National Committee.

The foregoing investigations are being ordered today for immediate

handling.

In addition to the requests actually made, O'Brien has a list containing 88 other names of individuals who are being considered for appointments by the President-elect. O'Brien is having his files checked for identifying information concerning these 88 individuals and indicated that investigation on them would be requested within the next day or so. You will be promptly advised when these additional investigations are requested.

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February 23, 1961

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HARRIS LLEWELLYN **WOF** Born: April 9, 1926 New York, New York

An applicant-type investigation has been conducted by this Bureau concerning the captioned individual, and the results furnished to the White House. For detailed results of this investigation, you are referred to the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President. (161-40)

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NOTE:,,,, Persons interviewd recommended Wofford favorably.
Wofford has for a number of years interested himself in civil rights and the problems of Negroes in US; in this connection he has been a member of such enganizations Student Federalists, United Well Federalist and so forth and has come in contact with a New York attorney who has been identified as a Communist Party donor.

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SUBJECT:

HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR. SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

The Attorney General on 3/6/61 forwarded to the Director an informal, undated note from Robert Sargent Shriver, Jr., to the Attorney General enclosing a memorandum dated 1/17/61 submitted by Harris Wofford concerning the latter's activities. The Director desired to see a summary on Wofford.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: The Kennedy Administration requested an investigation of Wofford on 12/8/60 and a summary was furnished to them on 12/28/60. Deputy Attorney General White was also furnished a summary on 1/12/61 at his request. Wofford, a 34-year-old law graduate, has, since an early age, interested himself in civil rights and the problems of Negroes in U. S. This interest prompted him to attend Howard University Law School two years and he has since been employed by Commission on Civil Rights and most recently by Senator Kennedy and the Democratic National Committee as adviser Has traveled abroad extensively and believes in on civil rights. federal union of world democracies. Has been member of such organizations as Student Federalists, United World Federalists, Foundation for World Government and has attended various conferences dealing with subject. Although he has attended conferences having communist influence, he is considered anticommunist and loyal. However, in 1959, he had contacts with Stanley Levison, New York City attorney who is identified as Communist Party donor. persons interviewed recommended favorably.

Wofford, in his memorandum, referred to a WOFFORD'S MEMORANDUM: number of his activities, all of which are covered in the summary furnished to the Kennedy Administration. Wofford referred to a speech given at the 1950 Mid-Century Conference for Peace in Chicago which was anticommunist. He referred to his attendance in 1947 at the "Prague World Youth Festival" and articles written by him for the "New York Herald Tribune" newspaper which exposed the communist influence at the Festival. He mentioned the Student Federalist movement which he started in high school (advocated plan for a federal union of the world's democracies). Also mentioned by

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Memorandum for Mr. Evans

Re: Harris Llewellyn Wofford, Jr.

Wofford was an incident occurring in 1951, in which the janitor of his apartment interrupted a showing of a film on India to Africans and Howard University students to advise him he could not entertain Negroes in his apartment. This matter was fully reported in the summary and had been brought to the Bureau's attention by the Mt. Rainier, Maryland, Police Department.

In connection with the incident at his apartment, Wofford stated a "crowd of people" had collected in the hallway and he was later informed the FBI had been called and had dispersed the people. This is not true. Bureau Agents had no part in dispersing the crowd.

ACTION TAKEN: The attached memorandum to the Attorney General enclosing a copy of the summary on Wofford, is being forwarded to him and he is being advised that the matters raised by Mr. Wofford in his memorandum are reported in the summary.

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The Attorney General

March 9, 1961

Director, FBI

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SPECIAL INQUIRY ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Mr. Fawcett

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Reference is made to your memorandum which was received March 6, 1961, and which forwarded an undated letter from Robert Sargent Shriger, Jr., to you enclosing a memorandum dated January 17, 1961, submitted by Harris Wofford.

An investigation of Mr. Wofford was conducted at the request of Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien and a summary memorandum containing the results of that investigation was furnished to Mr. O'Brien on December 28, 1960. January 12, 1961, a copy of the summary was also furnished to Mr. Byren R. White at his request. A copy of this summary is enclosed for your information.

You will note that Mr. Wofford, in his memorandum, refers to a talk given by him in 1950 at a "Mid-Century Conference for Peace" in Chicago. Mr. Wofford's attendance at this conference is reported on page nine of the summary.

Mr. Wofford also refers to his attendance in 1947 at the "Prague World Youth Festival" and to articles written by him for the "New York Herald Tribune" newspaper concerning the Festival. Page eight of the summary reports this activity of Mr. Wofford.

Mr. Wefford's reference to the "Student Federalist" movement which he started in high school is covered on page seven of the summary.

It is noted that Mr. Wofford refers to an incident occurring in 1951 in which the janitor of his apartment building interrupted a showing of a film on India to Africans and Howard University students to advise him he could not

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entertain Negroes in his apartment. Pages eleven and twelve of the summary report this incident which was brought to this Bureau's attention by the Mt. Rainier, Maryland, Police Department.

In connection with the incident at his apartment, Mr. Wefford stated in his memorandum a crowd of people had collected in the hallway and he was later informed the FBI had been called and had dispersed the people. For your information no such action was taken.

Investigation of Mr. Wofford covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Byron R. White Deputy Attorney General Form No. G-1



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Robert Sargent Shriver, Jr.

Dear Bobby:

The F.B.I. might want to add the attached memo to their files on Harris Wofford. Harris prepared this for me when he knew that you were going to let me review the F.B.I. report on him.

Best,

/s/ Sarge

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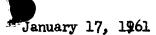
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#### NOTES FOR SHRIVER ON READING ONE FBI FILE

If the FBI is as good as Hoover says it is, its report on me should show that ISm almost too secure and not risky enough for the New Frontier. The esmential thing about this, or any other such report, it seems to me, is that the person involved have an opportunity to know any disturbing item which might be cleared up with further facts — unless any such general disclosure would in fact jeopardize an FBI agent.

The only item I can imagine which on its face might be disturbing about me was a talk I gave in 1950 to a Mid-Cetury Conference for Peace at some church in Chicago. The Conference was listed in a document published by the House Un-American Activities Committee, I believe, and the program of the meeting was printed in the document, and my name listed in the index. Presumably the index is indiscriminately full of pro-Communists, anti-Communists and wholly non-political people. In any case, my talk was sufficiently anti-Communist to have provoked boos and hisses from part of the audience, the only time I've ever experienced this. The subject was peaceful alternatives to the Cold War, and I began with the proposition that the Cold War was in itself preferable to the alternative of appeasement or surrender to Communist imperialism, etc., and the talk was full of swipes at the Soviet Union and Stalinism. I can find the text because I distributed quite a few mimeographer copies of it, and you would find it not only tough on Communism but very much on New Frontier lines prophetic of our recent campaign.

The meeting itself was sponsored by a relatively respectable group of ministers, Bishops, Negro leaders and padifists. But there was a fellow-traveling element behind it, led by the Rev. Uphaus who went to jail in New Hampshire for refusing to answer questions a year or so ago. I was asked \*\*sozzizzz\*\* by my friend Scott Buchanan, former dean of St. John's College in Annapolis, now Hutchins' chief idea man at Santa Barbara, to take his place — I think Buchanan fell ill or something. I agreed but made a point in my prepared text to state my disagreement with the fellow-traveling element. When I reached Chicago the

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meeting sponsors, having read my talk, told me their kplans had changed and they wanted me to speak for 3-5 minutes instead of 30 minutes. I declined and withdrew from the program, to their taunts that Lincoln did it successfully in that time limit at Gettysburgh. They them sent word that I should give my full talk. But apparently they had alerted the left-wing in the audience, and it loudly and angrily boosed a number of my remarks.

I assumed that if the FBI was interested in the meeting it sent agents to it and that this episode, which was the lightest thing that happened there, would have been accurately reported. But when I received a full field investigation at the Civil Rights Commission I gathered that my name in the index of the house document was a red flag. I gathered, also, however, that I was fully cleared at the Commission. I assume Father Hesburgh went through the file carefully.

I can't think of anything else of relevance. I was at the Prague World Youth Festival in 1947, but as a correspondent of the NY Herald Tribune, and I not only wrote articles exposing the shabby, fellow-traveling US delegation (which in turn resulted from the shabby, timid State Department policy of discouraging major American universities from sending big representative delegations), but helped instigate the anti-Communist protest made at the Festival. This and other things I did there were reported widely in the press, I did a national CBS radio report on it, and even had a good talk with the FBI on my return, which I gathered they appreciated.

The point, from an FBI point of view, is that from my earliest political interests and activities I've been a strong anti-Communist. The Student Federal movement which I started while at Scarsdale High School was practically a Republican organization -- Justice Owe Roberts was our national honorary advisory chairman, and we were all for Harold Stassen! In the American Veterans Committee I was in the very early group that organized to kick out the Communists -- along with Congressman Dick Bolling, Cord Meyer, Charles Bolte, Adam

Yarmolinsky, Gil Harrison and others. Our anti-Communist faction at the University of Chicago had a knock-down-drag-out battle with the united front group. In those days and off and on over the years I have written for The New Leader, the oldest, staunchest group of anti-Communists in the country.

In fact, as I review my political life, I wonder if I am qualified for the New Frontier. In any case, ambiguit \* about Communism is not one of my disabilities. If the FBI file suggests it is, something is wrong with the FBI — and I should know what the allegation is.

The only encounter with the FBI I've omitted was back in 1951 or so, when I was at Howard University. We had three or four African students to our apartment in Mt. Rafinier, Maryland, along with one or two Negro law students at Howard, and were showing our movies on India. The janitor kasks knocked on the door and when I opened a crowd of people was there, and the janitor said that he understood we had niggers inside and that they had to gop I told him they were our guests and that he should leave immediately. We went on with our movies. Later our neighbor said that the janitor or the local police had called the FBI, and that an FBI man had dispersed people. Cars followed us when we took the students back to the University. This was the first time any of the African students had been in a white American home. One of the boys is now high in the new Government of Nigeria. I protested the next morning to the apartment owners and received an apology, but never was in direct touch with the EBI over the incident.

If my political views over the years are of interest to anyone, they are amply recorded in articles, two books, and talks. Fortunately I kere/moved from my unduly Republican beginning to a position which now there is a Democratic Administration standing on.

Harris Wofford

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Washington 25, D. C.

June 15, 1962

Approved by K. O'Donnell 6/21/62

Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell Special Assistant to the President White House Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Captioned individual is an applicant for a position with the Peace Corps. Inasmuch as Mr. Wofford has been employed as a Special Assistant to the President, White House, since February 1961, it is assumed that the FBI conducted an investigation on him. We should appreciate being furnished copies of the reports of the investigation.

Sincerely yours,

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#### MEMORANDUM · · ·

DATE: May 4, 1966

TO: Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach, FBI	
FROM: Mildred Stegall	
SUBJECT: FBI Investigation	
Subject's Name Harris L. Wofford	
Date of Birth April 9, 1926 Place of Birth New York City	_
Present Address 200 Primrose Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland	
Copy of Previous Report	
X Name Check	
X Full Field Investigation	
The person named above is being considered for:	
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#### BIOGRAPHIC DATA

WOF RD, Harris L.

40 Yra (Bern April 9, 1926,
at New York City)

Res: 290 Primrose Street
Chevy Chase, Md.

#### PRESENT POSITION

Associate Director at Large, Peace Corps

#### EDUCATION

1948	B. A. University of Chicago
1949	Study Fellowship, India
1950	Study Fellowship, Israel
1954	LL.B. Yale
1954	Howard University
1954	Admitted to D. C. Bar
1958	U. S. Supreme Court

#### PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

1953-54	Assistant to Chester Bowles
1954-58	Law Associate, Covington & Burling
1956	Visiting Lecturer, Howard Law School
1958=59	Legislative Assistant to Rev. Theodore Hesburgh,
	Commission on Civil Rights
1959-60	Associate Professor, Notre Dame Law School
	(now on leave)
1960	Assistant to Senator Kennedy
1961-62	Special Assistant to President Kennedy
1962-	Special Representative for Africa, Director Ithiopian
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#### ALSO

1957	Member of the Commission to Study Origin of the Peace		
1960	Coordinator, Civil Rights Section, Dem. Natl. Committee		
1948	Trustee, Foundation for World Government		
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	Member, American Bar Association		
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1946	It's up to us (with Clare Wofford		
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Co-Editor, Report of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights

#### MILITARY SERVICE

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1944-45 Served with USAAF

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To: SAC, Washington Field (161-30)

From: Director, FBI (161-40)

HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR. SPI

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Refer to WFO airtel dated 11/7/61 entitled "Carl James Braden, Security Matter - C, Frank Byron Wilkinson, Security Matter - C," WFO files 100-33018 and 100-37787, in which one Harris Wolford, who appears identical with the captioned individual, is mentioned. (100-388425-118)

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Director, FBI (161-40) From:

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Files of Identification Division contain a fingerprint card received from the U. S. Secret Service in February, 1961, pertaining to Wofford which indicates he was then residing at 409 Daphne Lane, Alexandria, Virginia.

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May 10, 1966

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Honorable Marvin Watson Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Watson:

Mrs. Mildred Stegall has requested a name check and then a full field investigation of Mr. Harris Llewellyn Wofford, Jr., Associate Director at Large, Peace Corps, Washington, D. C.

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mr. Wofford in December, 1960, and enclosed herewith is a copy of a summary memorandum dated December 24, 1960, containing the results of that investigation. Also enclosed is a typewritten statement from Mr. Wofford dated January 17, 1961.

In November, 1961, information was received that a delegation planned to present a petition to several Federal officials in Washington, D. C., seeking Executive clemency for Carl James Braden and Frank Byron Wilkinson. It was indicated that one Selma Rein, who had been identified as a member of the Communist Party in the past, stated that the delegation would go to the White House and see one Harris Wolford and that Mr. Wolford "is behind us 100 per cent."

Carl James Braden and Frank Byron Wilkinson were convicted for contempt of Congress for refusing to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities when asked about their Communist Party membership. On April 1, 1961, they commenced serving one-year prison terms after the United States Supreme Court had denied their appeals on February 27, 1961. Both Braden and Wilkinson had been identified as members of the Communist Party in the past and both had been active in various committees attempting to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. /

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#### Honorable Marvin Watson

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It is noted that in his statement Mr. Wofford refers to an incident occurring in \$251 in which the janitor of his apartment building interrupted a showing of a film on India to Africans and Howard University students to inform him he could not entertain Negroes in his apartment. Pages 11 and 12 of the enclosed summary report that incident, which was brought to this Bureau's attention by the Mt. Rainier, Maryland, Police Department.

In connection with that incident, Mr. Wofford indicated in his statement that a crowd of people had collected in the hallway and he was later informed that the FBI had been called and had dispersed the people. For your information, no such action was taken by representatives of this Bureau.

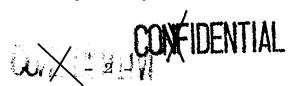
The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Wofford.

The requested investigation has been initiated, the results of which will be furnished you when completed.

Sincerely yours,

#### Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Wofford former college teacher and was assistant to John F. Kennedy, both as Senator and as President. He has been with Peace Corps since 1962. Investigation indicated he had been interested in civil rights and Negro parblems in which connection he has been member of such organizations as Student Federalists and United World Federalists. His statement (enclosed) was furnished by Sargent Shriver to Robert Kennedy, who gave it to Bureau in March, 1961. Shriver told Robert Kennedy that Wofford prepared his statement for Shriver when Wofford knew Shriver was going to review FBI summary on him. By memo 3/9/61 Robert Kennedy was advised that our 1960 investigation covered items mentioned by Wofford in statement and indication FBI dispersed crowd at his apartment was not true. Investigation ordered separately to the field.



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HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR.

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Synopsis:

Records American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois reflect applicant admitted in 1959 and presently a member in good standing.

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#### DETAILS:

American Bar Association (ABA) 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois

On May 10, 1966, JOSEPHINE REED, Clerk, advised that the records reflect that applicant, who was admitted to the bar in 1954, was elected to ABA in 1959 and is presently a member in good standing. ABA grievance files contain no information regarding applicant. The only additional information in ABA files is the following "Peace Corps, American Embassy, Addis, Ethiopia."

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> PRESONNEL OFFICE THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE Room 113 East Wing Washington, D. C. Attention: MRS. JEAN ROBB.

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#### Synopsis:

Residence of ANNE TOWSON, appointee's sister, 3150 Attleboro Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio, verified. No arrest or subversive record located for ANNE TOWSON. SHELDON K. TOWSON, Jr. charged with five traffic violations.

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### DETAILS:

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On May 10, 1966, Mrs. JOAN RADCLIFFE, 16907 Aldersyde Drive, Shaker Heights, Ohio, which is next door to the residence of the appointee's sister, advised that Mr. SHELDON K. TOWSON, JR. and his wife, ANNE, reside at 3150 Attleboro Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio, and they are fine neighbors.

### ARREST

The records of the Identification Bureau, the Bureau of Special Investigation and the Record Room, all of the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, as caused to be searched by IC WILLIAM HEGEDUS on May 10, 11 and 12, 1966, failed to reflect any arrest or subversive information identifiable with appointee's sister, ANNE TOWSON. With the exception of traffic violations contained in the Record Room files, no arrest or subversive information was located for SHELDON K. TOWSON, JR.

The traffic violations listed for SHELDON K. TOWSON, JR. were as follows:

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On May 12, 1966, Mrs. HENRIETTA ORNE, Record Clerk, Shaker Heights, Ohio Police Department, advised IC WILLIAM HEGEDUS their files contain no arrest record identifiable with either SHELDON K. TOWSON, JR. or ANNE TOWSON.

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SHERWOOD E. SILLIMAN recommends. contacted OL 6-1259, WDC, on 10/15/61, Subscriber Synopsis: to this number being HARRIS L. WOFFORD. Information concerning set forth.

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### DETAILS:

### Reference

On May 11, 1966, Mr. SHERWOOD E. SILLIMAN, Attorney, 122 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, who resides at 233 Madison Road, Scarsdale, New York, advised that he has known the WOFFORD family on a close personal basis for many years, but has been out of contact with them during the past several years. He stated that the appointee has been an official in the Peace Corps and that he has seen him on a few occasions when he, SILLIMAN, was in Washington, D. C. He advised that the appointee's father, HARRIS LLEWELLYN, SR., has retired as the Assistant Dean in the School of Business, at Columbia University, and is presently teaching at Roberts - College in Turkey. He believed that he has been there for approximately two years. He said that the appointee's mother, ESTELLE GARDNER WOFFORD is deceased and that his father remarried a person whose name he does not know, but who was formerly employed at the Riverside Church on Riverside Drive, in New York City. He stated that she had not been previously married, and resides in Turkey with applicant's father.

He further stated that

The appointee's sister, ANN, is married and residing in Ohio. Mr. SILLIMAN stated that the appointee is a competent, responsible, high-type individual, that he and his family are of the highest character and reputation, and that there is no question of their loyalty to the United States. Mr. SILLIMAN concluded by stating that he would recommend continued government employment for the appointee in a responsible position.

### Miscellaneous

On October 25, 1961. NY T-4 advised that

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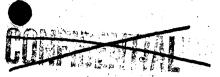
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### Credit

On May 12, 1966, Miss PAULINE DE FIORE, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised IC MICHAEL L. O'LEARY that her records as of 1962, revealed that HARRIS L. WOFFORD, wife PHYLLIS TAYLOR resided at 90 Morningside Drive and later at 315 Riverside Drive, New York City. He was Assistant Dean of the Business School at Columbia University and had a satisfactory credit rating.

Miss DE FIORE also stated that PHYLLIS TAYLOR, 315 Riverside Drive, employed at the Riverside Church, had a satisfactory credit rating.

### Arrest

On May 13, 1966, SA AUGUST J. MICEK caused a check of the records of the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) to be checked by Deputy Inspector JOHN J. O'NEILL, Bureau of Criminal Identification; Patrolman JOHN BASAK, Information Unit; Sergeant JAMES SLEVIN, Old Record Room (all of the above of the NYCPD); and Mr. JOSEPH TRUBIA, Fingerprint Bureau, Criminal Court of the City of New York. No record was located for HARRIS WOFFORD or PHYLLIS TAYLOR WOFFORD.

#### Miscellaneous

On May 13, 1966, Captain WILLIAM KNAPP, Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD, advised SA AUGUST J. MICEK that he could locate no record for HARRIS WOFFORD or PHYLLIS TAYLOR WOFFORD.





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION New York, New York May 13, 1966

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Harris Llewellyn Wofford, Jr.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John J. Roth, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.





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The files of Criminal Records Division, U. S. Army Investigative Records Repository (USAIRR), Fort Holabird, Maryland, were checked through a representative of that agency on May 13, 1966, without locating any record of the appointee.

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Synopsis:

WOFFORD continued on Leave of Absence, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, since 5/15/60. Maintains rank of Associate Professor, Law School. Dean, Law School, states WOFFORD never returned to University since placed on Leave of Absence. Dean and President of Notre Dame both regard WOFFORD highly as to integrity, character, reputation, associates, and loyalty and would recommend. satisfactory and no arrest record at South Bend, Indiana.

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DETAILS:

### At South Bend, Indiana

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Mrs. MONICA JEFFERS, secretary to Vice-President in Charge of Academic Affairs, Notre Dame University, South Bend, advised on May 11, 1966, their records reflect HARRIS L. WOFFORD, JR., was placed on Leave of Absence on May 15, 1960, to work for Senator KENNEDY at that time and was continued on Leave of Absence 1960-61 and 1961-62. By letter to WOFFORD on April 12, 1962, he was notified that he would be continued on Leave of Absence for a period of five years; and, to date, he has never returned to the University. Their records contained no additional pertinent information on WOFFORD.

JOSEPH O'MEARA, Dean, College of Law, Notre Dame University, advised on May 13, 1966, WOFFORD was actually a Visiting Associate Professor for Research at the Notre Dame Law School from September 1, 1959, to May 15, 1960, and never returned to the University due to his service in the KENNEDY administration and the Peace Corps. He regarded WOFFORD as a man of extraordinary ability and dedication and would have been a great asset to the Law School.

His respect for WOFFORD is indicated by his continuing WOFFORD in a status of Leave of Absence in the hopes that he may some day return to the Law School faculty; however, he has little hope that WOFFORD will return due to his dedication to Government service.

WOFFORD at one time was on the Staff of the Commission on Civil Rights serving as Father HESBURGH's legal assistant. He was closely associated with WOFFORD for the period he was at Notre Dame and has still maintained contact with him since he has been on Leave of Absence. He considers WOFFORD to be a man of high integrity, of good moral character, highly reputable, and would have no reason to question his associates or loyalty to the United States. He would recommend WOFFORD without reservation for a position of trust and responsibility with the Government.

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Mrs. HELEN HOZINSKI, secretary, President's Office, Notre Dame University, advised on May 13, 1966, she has known HARRIS L. WOFFORD as the result of his association with Father HESBURGH. She has always been highly impressed with his ability, dedication to his work, and reputation. From her knowledge and observation, she would have every reason to believe he was a man of good moral character and would not question his associates or loyalty to the United States. She believes he would make an excellent employee in a position of trust and responsibility with the Government.

Reverend THEODORE M. HESBURGH, President, Notre Dame University, advised on May 13, 1966, he has known WOFFORD since 1958. WOFFORD was on the Staff of the Commission on Civil Rights serving as a legal assistant to him for one and one-half years. He considered WOFFORD to be extremely capable and has been in periodic contact with WOFFORD since he left Notre Dame. He regards WOFFORD to be a man of high integrity, conscientious, has a strong sense of devotion to Government service, and a patriotic American citizen. He would recommend WOFFORD highly for a position of trust and responsibility with the Government.

### CREDIT AND ARREST

Mrs. DOROTHY FAY, clerk, Credit Bureau of South Bend, 213 West Washington Street, advised on May 9, 1966, their records reflect HARRIS WOFFORD, JR., 307 East Pokagon Street, South Bend, Indiana, wife EMMY LOU WOFFORD, has a satisfactory credit rating with their agency.

Mrs. DOROTHY PECSI, clerk, Records Section, South Bend Police Department, and Mrs. ELLA MAE GOHMAN, Records Section, St. Joseph County Sheriff's Office, South Bend, both advised on May 9, 1966, they had no record on the name of HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR.

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HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR.

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Synopsis:

Democratic National Committee, White House, and Peace Corps employment verified. Neighborhood inquiries favorable. Satisfactory credit record and police checks negative. Residence of verified. HCUA files contained nothing additional. No record OSI.

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Democratic National Committee

On May 12, 1966, HELEN YOWELL, Paymaster, Democratic National Committee (DNC), advised SA STANLEY T. BLASZEK that the appointee had worked with Sargeont SHRIVER as his Assistant in the Civil Rights Division, during the 1960 Presidental campaign and was on the payroll of the DNC from August 1, 1960, until February 11, 1961. She stated the record regarding the appointee was entirely favorable and contained no additional pertinet information. She could suggest no one presently employed with the DNC who would be able to comment concerning the appointee.

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### The White House Office

On May 12, 1966, JAMES R. ROGERS, Assistant Personnel Officer, the White House Office, made available to SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS the following personnel file for HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR., the appointee. ROGERS pointed out that this file is a "skeleton file" in that the information from the Official Personnel File had been forwarded to the Peace Corps:

2/10/61:

6/16/62:

Presidential Appointment (Commissioned) Special Assistant to the President, The White House Office Resignation to accept appointment

The file contained no additional pertinent information.

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ROGERS pointed out that inasmuch as there has been a tremendous turnover in the high level positions at the White House during the past two years he knows of no one presently employed who would recall the appointee.

On May 12, 1966, THOMAS M. JONES, Assistant Chief of Records, the White House Office, advised the files at this office contained the following information concerning the appointee:

2/10/61: 2/17/61: Commission dated Commission signed by the President

Appointed Special Assistant to the President.

The file contained no additional pertinent information.

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### Peace Corps

Appointee's security file at the Agency for International Development (AID), reviewed or May 12, 1966, by SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER, reflected that he was granted "Top Secret" clearance on June 19, 1962, for employment by the Peace Corps. This clearance was based on a 1960 investigation by the FBI and a 1958 investigation by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and is still in effect.

This file listed appointee's date of birth as April 9, 1926, in New York, New York, and contains no additional pertinent information.

Appointee's official personnel file at the Peace Corps, reviewed on May 12, 1966, by SA SPEICHER, verified the following Government employment since December, 1960:

February 10, 1961

rresidential Appointment as Special Assistant to the President, The White House Office (Special Projects) (A), Executive (ffice of the President, Washington, D.C.

June 16, 1962

Resignation - to accept position at Peace Corps.

June 17, 1962

Excepted appointment as
Peace Corps Representative
to Ethiopia, Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia, and also
Special Peace Corps Representative for Africa.

June 7, 1964:

Reassigned to Peace Corps, Washington, D.C. as Associate Director for Planning and Evaluation.

October 10, 1965:

Appointed Associate Director for Planning, Evaluation and Research. He is currently serving in this capacity.

This file contains no additional pertinent information.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER at the Peace Corps on May 12, 1966:

Mr. WARREN W. WIGGINS, Deputy Director, advised that he first met the appointee, HARRIS L. WOFFORD, JR., about February, 1961, in Washington, D.C. He indicated, however, that he did not know him well until 1962 when the appointee joined the Peace Corps. He mentioned that he saw the appointee on several occasions during 1962-64 while he was serving as a Peace Corps Representative in Ethiopia and has worked very closely with him at the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C., since 1964. He mentioned that he has been the appointee's supervisor since July, 1965.

Mr. WIGGINS stated that he has no question whatever concerning the appointee's loyalty to his country and he added that his character, morals, habits, integrity, reputation, and associations are of the very highest type, to the best of his knowledge. He recommended the appointee for any position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. WIGGINS stated that therappointee is a "great idea man", an innovator who likes to think about ideas for making the world a better place in which to live. He commented that this type of person makes some people uncomfortable and as a result he is somewhat controversal as an administrator, since he is not a systematic, detailed, follow-through type of

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person. However, according to WIGGINS, if the administrative position involves a high degree of idea components and a high degree of intellectual components, than the appointee is idealy suited for such a position. Mr. WIGGINS advised that he felt, for example, that the appointee would make an ideal college president or ambassador, while he would not be well suited for a position as Assistant Secretary for Administration in a large agency where he spent his days working on detailed matters relating to budget, finance, and personnel. He described the appointee as "one of the best idea men in the Peace Corps".

Mr. WIGGINS advised that the appointee is widely known in intellectual circles and communicates superbly with people in the academic life. He indicated that the appointee likewise appears to communicate well with his superiors and most subordinates, but he does not communicate well with people who are not interested in new ideas and new thoughts, or who tend to think in a conventional or conservative terms. Mr. WIGGINS remarked that he and the appointee are "on the same wave length' and he has, therefore, never had any difficulty communicating with the appointee very completely. He mentioned that the appointee is an excellent speech writer and makes himself very clear in the material which he prepares. Mr. WIGGINS added that he has no reason to question the appointee's judgment, although he was unable to think of any particular example which would illustrate this point unless it was an incident related in THEODORE WHITE's book, "The Making of a President" in which, during a crisis in President KENNEDY's campaign, the appointee is credited with giving him the idea of making a phone call to the wife of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Mr. WIGGINS concluded by emphasizing that he has the highest personal regard for the appointee and he recommended him without hesitation for any responsible Government position.

Mr. GEORGE CARTER, Regional Director for North Africa, The Near East and South Asia, advised that he has known the appointee both socially and professionally since October, 1960. He mentioned that he first met the appointee

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socially through a mutual friend and then worked under the appointee during the KENNEDY campaign. He added that he has known the appointee at the Peace Corps since 1962, both in Ethiopia and in Washington, D.C. hr. CARTER reported that he considers the appointee to be a loyal and devoted United States citizen and a man of excellent character, morals, integrity, and associations. He stated that he has no reason whatever to feel that the appointee should not be granted a clearance for a responsible Government assignment.

Mr. CARTER remarked that with respect to the appointee, "I know him, I like him, and I am in some ways indebted to him". He described the appointee as a very complicated human being, who is dedicated and hardworking. He remarked that people who tend to be like the appointee, think very very highly of him. Other people, "of whom I am one", agree that he is dedicated and hardworking but feel that once he gets out of the realm of generating ideas, he lacks administrative ability and tends to "bowl things up". He mentioned that the appointee is a person around whom controversy sometimes arises because of his lack of sensitivity to highly complecated personnel situations.

He stated that the appointee has great energy and talent, which if channeled in the right direction and at the right position would make him very valuable in certain assignments, such as on the Policy Planning Council of the Department of State. However, according to Mr. CARTER, he would not himself bput the appointee in charge of an operation involving the head of the Peace Corps installation in any country in Mr. CARTER's region. He mentioned that it is impression that the appointee may at the present time be under consideration for appointment as ambassador to Nepal and he commented that he would not appoint him ambassador to any country because of the reasons mentioned previously.

Mr. CARTER related that the appointee on occasions has hurt people's feelings or has given them the wrong impression of his attitude by an apparent inability to

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communicate his feelings or because of a lack of preception of delicate situations. He explained that the appointee has spent several years and much effort in an honest and completely sincere fight for equal rights for all Americans. However, in dealing with his staff in Ethiopia, some of whom were Negros, there are people, both black and white, who served under him and who are convinced that he is a deep-seated bigot. According to CARTER this situation illustrates to him that the appointee some how was inept in dealing with these people so that they came to an incorrect conclusion as to his real attitude. Mr. CARTER mentioned that after some five years experience in dealing with the appointee he would tend to have reservations regarding appointee's judgment, particularly in a time of crisis. He mentioned, however, that his is simply a conclusion which he has reached and he does not feel it necessary to comment further.

Mr. JACK HCCD VAUGHN, Director, Peace Corps, advised that he has known the appointee off and on both socially and professionally since late 1961. He indicated that he had little contact with him from 1962-64, but then saw him occasionally since 1964 and has supervised him for the past three months. Mr. VAUGHN/reported that the appointee is unquestionably a loyal United States citizen and a man of excellent character, integrity, reputation and associations. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the Government remarking that he is an extremely intelligent, alert, energetic, and dependable individual. He remarked that the appointee is "an idea man", a planner, and a fine speech writer, who appears to be sincerely interested in civil rights and social justice.

He added that the appointee is widely known and respected in intellectual and academic circles throughtout the United States and his contacts in these fields have been extremely useful to the Peace Corps.

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Mr. FRANK MANKIEWICZ, Regional Director, Latin America Region, advised that he has known the appointee quite well both socially and professionally for the past four years as a co-worker. Mr. MANKIEWICZ described the appointee as a loyal and dedicated United States citizen and a man of exemplary character, morals, reputation, and associations. He recommended the appointee "without any reservations whatever' for a Government position of trust. He mentioned that he considers the appointee to be a very superior individual and added that he admired him a great deal. He described him as an innovator and an "idea man" who gets along well with every one and was very highly regarded by his associates, to the best of his knowledge. He mentioned that appointee's wife is a very fine person. Mr. MANKIEWICZ could furnish no additional information concerning appointee's relatives.

Mrs. ELSA Y. LEGESSE, Staff Assistant to the Associate Director at Large, advised that she has known the appointee very well socially and officially since 1963. She stated that she worked directly for him in Ethiopia from January, 1963, to June, 1964, and again for the past three months in Washington, D.C. Mrs. LEGESSE reported that she considers the appointee to be a loyal and patriotic American and a man of excellent character, conduct and associations. She added that the appointee is very well liked by everyone, superiors, and subordinates alike, and she recommended him for a Government position of trust. Mrs. LEGESSE reported that the appointee's brother, JCHN, lives in the Washington, D.C. area and is employed by the Office of Economic Opportunity. He added that appointee's mother is deceased, and his father and step-mother, Mrs. PHYLLIS WOFFORD, are now in Istambul, Turkey, where his father is associated with the Robert College School of Business Administration.

Miss SARA COLLIER, Staff Assistant to the Associate Director at Large, advised that she has known the appointee well both socially and professionally for the past four years. Miss COLLIER explained that she served under the appointee as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia from 1962 to 1964 and then has worked under him again at the Peace

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Corps in Washington, D.C. since 1964. She reported that she has no doubt whatever regarding the appointee's loyalty to the United States and added that his character, morals, reputation, and associations are of the highest type. She recommended him "totally and without reservation whatever" for a position of trust and confidence with the Government, commenting that she has never heard anything reflecting adversely on him in any respect. Miss COLLIER mentioned that the appointee's wife is a very fine woman and a tremendous asset to him.

Mr. JERRY L. FITE, Acting Executive Secretary, advised that he first met the appointee in 1963 when he, FITE, was a volunteer in Tunisia and appointee was Peace Corps Representative in Ethiopia. He indicated that he has worked closely with him for the past two years in Washington, D.C. He described the appointee as "probably one of the most dedicated and loyal individuals in the Peace Corps", and added that the appointee's character, reputation and associates are above reproach. He recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government remarking that he is an extremely intelligent, hardworking, conscientious and reliable individual.

Mr. ANTHONY F. ESSA/E, Deputy General Counsel, advised that he has known the appointee primarily professionally, since 1964, as a co-worker. He mentioned that he has no question whatever as to appointee's loyalty to his country, and added that his character, reputation, and associations, are very good, so far as he knows. Mr. ESSA/E recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Mrs. DIANA MAC ARTHUR, Director, Division of Private and International Organizations, advised that she has known the appointee primarily professionally for the past three years as a co-worker. She mentioned that she had seen him from time to time while he was serving in Ethiopia and has worked closely with him since 1964 in Washington, D.C. Mrs. MAC ARTHUR stated that she has no doubt whatever concerning appointee's loyalty to the country and added that he is very idealistic and sincere about the United States and its

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greatness as a country. She mentioned that he is an 'idea man' and an excellent speech writer who is interested in civil rights and social justice. She remarked that appointee's character, reputation and associations are of the highest type and she recommended him 'without hesitation or reservation' for a Government position of trust. She mentioned thatin her judgment the appointee did a good job in Ethiopia, although he was perhaps best suited for a research or planning role.

Mr. ROBERT T. FREEMAN, JR., Associate Director, for Management, advised that he has known the appointee officially as a close co-worker for the past year at the Peace Corps. He stated he has no question as to appointee's loyalty to his country and added that his character and associations are good to the best of his knowledge. He advised that the appointee's reputation is very good both personally and professionally, adding that he has heard nothing reflecting adversely on him. Mr. FREEMAN recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Mr. JAMES B. JONES, JR., Administrative Assistant, Office of the Associate Director at Large, advised that he has known the appointee primarily professionally, since 1964, having served under his direct supervision during this period. Mr. JONES reported that he considers the appointee to be a loyal and devoted Unit ed States citizen and a man of the very highest character, reputation, and associations. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust, commenting that he is widely known thoughtout the country and around the world.

Mr. DAVID M. SCHIMMEL, Acting Deputy Associate Director at Large, advised that he had known the appointee socially and professionaly quite well while serving under his supervision in Ethiopia during 1963-1964. He indicated that he has continued to serve under the appointee in Washington, D.C., since 1964. Nr. SCHIMMEL described the appointee as a loyal United States citizen and a man of outstanding character, integrity, reputation and association.

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He recommended the appointee "without question" for a Government position of trust commenting that the is an unusually creative, capable, intelligent, alert, energetic, and conscientious individual. WFO 161-30 ELN: vw 1

Cn May 12, 1966, SA JUSEPH W. SPEICHER ascertained at the Peace Corps that the appointee and his wife \_\_\_\_\_\_ The appointee's

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father, HARRIS L. WOFFORD, has remarried since the death of the appointee's mother and presently resides in Istanbul, Turkey, with his wife, PHYLLIS WOFFORD, and he is employed with the School of Business Administration and Economics of Roberts College.

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WILLIAM C. CANBY, JR., Professional Staff Manager, Office of Senater WALTER F. MONDALE of Minneapolis, advised SA JOHN R. ALE, on May 13, 1965, that he has been acquainted with the appointee, HARRIS WOFFORD, since 1962. He mentioned that he served as the appointee's Deputy on a Peace Corps project in Ethopia for approximately two years. He stated that since returning to Washington, D. C., he has had close social contact with the appointee and his family. He stated that the appointee had direct supervision of approximately 10 or 12 people and appeared to get along well with them and did a good job. He stated that the appointee was, in his opinion, an "idea man", who is resourcesful and aggressive and routine administration is not one of his stronger points. He emphasized, however, that felt that the appointee was certainly admuate in this area. He recommended the appointee without reservation concerning his character, associates, repuation and loyalty for a position of trust and confidence.

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### Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW)

On May 16, 1966, Dr. JOSEPH G. COLMEN, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Education, Office of the Secretary, DHEW, advised SA L. RUSSELL WHARRY that he had served as Deputy Associate Director for Planning Evaluation and Research in the Peace Corps for approximately one and onehalf years until late in 1965, when he left. He stated his supervisor, Associate Director for Planning Evaluation and Research, was WOFFORD during that time and as such he had close professional association and some social contact. COLMEN stated that WOFFORD was a good man who knew his business and that he would have absolutely no objection to working for or with him again. He said that he had met WOFFORD's wife and had seen both of them on a social basis and he considered them a very fine couple. COLMEN vouched for the character, reputation, associates, conduct, and loyalty of both and highly recommended WOFFORD for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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### NEIGHBORHOODS

200 Primrose Street Chevy Chase, Maryland

The following neighborhood investigation was conducted by SA ROGER J. HOWELL on May 12, 1966:

Mrs. V. J. HEFFERNAN, 201 Primrose Street, advised that HARRIS L. WOFFORD; his wife, EMMY; and moved into the residence at 200 Primrose Street sometime in 1961. Mrs. HEFFERNAN explained that the WOFFORD family spent the period between the Summer of 1962 and the Summer of 1964 in Africa where appointee was assigned in connection with this duties with the United States Government. She described the appointee as a quiet, reserved, refined and stable person of excellent moral habits. She remarked that the family is highly respected and admired in the community as people of excellent character, associates, reputation, and loyalty and she highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

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Mrs. JOHN C. EDDISON, 202 Primrose Street, advised she and her family have resided next to the WOFFORDs since December, 1965. She pointed out that she has enjoyed a close association with the WOFFORDs as friends and neighbors, noting that they frequently exchange visits. Mrs. EDDISON noted that she has had more contact with the appointee's wife since he is frequently traveling in connection with his job. She appraised the appointee and his wife as stable, responsible, gracious, and considerate neighbors of the utmost integrity. She stated that she considers the appointee to be an honest, trustworthy person and had high praise for his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty. Mrs. EDDISON highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

Mrs. WALTER BROWN, 120 Primrose Street, advised she has been acquainted with the appointee and his family since they moved into the neighborhood about five years ago.

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Mrs BROWN pointed out that the WOFFORDs did not reside in the neighborhood during the period from June, 1962 until June, 1964, because the appointee had an overseas assignment in connection with his employment. She had high praise for the appointee and his wife as honest, stable, responsible, upstanding people. Mrs. BROWN had no adverse information concerning the applicant's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and had no reason to believe he would not be completely satisfactory in a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Mr. RALPH GILCHIRST, 203 Primrose Street, recalled that the appointee and his family first moved into the neighborhood approximately five years ago. After residing here for a short period, they moved away, returning to their residence in about December, 1964. Since that time, GILCHIRST stated he has been acquainted with the WOFFORDs on a casual basis as neighbors during the time they have resided at 200 Primrose Street. It was GILCHIRST'S opinion that WOFFORD and his wife are very responsible parents and upstanding citizens. He stated he had no information which would reflect unfavorably on the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and no belief that he could not handle a position of trust and confidence with the Government. He further advised appointee's

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reside with the appointee at above-captioned address.

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> 409 Daphne Lane Alexandria, Virginia Now: 240 Daphne Lane

On May 12, 1966, SA LAWRENCE E. BUSCHER interviewed JACK B. PHIEFFER, 2406 Daphne Lane, Alexandria, Virginia. At that time, Mr. PHIEFFER advised he recalled HARRIS WOFFORD residing at what was then 409 Daphne Lane in early 1961 and possibly late 1960. He related he and WOFFORD rode to Washington together on several occasions and he found him to be a very friendly neighbor. He did not become a close social acquaintance of WOFFORD, however. He advised he had no reason to believe WOFFORD was not a conscientious and sober individual. PHIEFFER advised he had never heard anything derogatory concerning WOFFORD while living in that area; however he did necall WOFFORD resided there for a period of less than a year. He does not maintain contact at the present time, PHIEFFER further advised that he is the only resident in the area who resided there at the time WOFFORD resided there. He knew of no other contacts WOFFORD made while residing on Daphne Lane.

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### CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

On May 12, 1966, IC GARY K, MEADE reviewed the file regarding the appointee and his wife EMMY LOU WOFFORD at The Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D. C., which revealed that they had a satisfactory credit record.

On May 11, 1966, IC KENNETH SHAFFER determined that the files of the Metropolitan Police Department contained no record regarding the appointee, his wife EMMY LOU CLARE LINDGREN WOFFORD, of

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It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentifed records are out of file and not available for review.

On May 13, 1966, IC WILLIAM H. LYEKLY, JR. searched the files of the United States Park Police and no record was found concerning the appointee, or his above mentioned relatives.

IC JOHN B. ARMSTRONG caused a search to be made of the files of the Alexandria, Virginia, Police Department, and was advised on May 11, 1966, that no record was located concerning the appointee or his wife.

IC LIELY caused a search to be made of the files of the Prince George's County, Maryland, and the Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Departments and was abject on May 12, 1966, that the files contained no record regarding the appointee or his wife.

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On May 11, 1966, IC ROMA W. TABOR reviewed the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities which contained no additional pertinent information regarding the appointee.

IC MICHAEL V. DEVOL caused a search to be made of the files of the Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, and was advised on May 13, 1966, that the files contained no record regarding the appointee.

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On May 16, 1966, IC JERROLD L. WEST caused a search to be made of the files of the following organizations concerning bar membership and no record was found for the appointee:

District of Columbia Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

On May 16, 1966, IC WEST was informed the records of the below-listed organizations disclosed the following information concerning the appointee:

The files of the Lawyers Register, United States District Court for the District of Columbia (USDCDC), revealed he was admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia on October 15, 1954.

The records of the Supreme Court of the United States disclosed he was admitted to practice before this court on May 1, 1958, and is in good standing.

On May 16, 1966, IC WEST reviewed the file concerning appointee at the Committee on Admissions and Grievances, USDCDC, which revealed no grievances have been filed against him. The file contained no additional pertinent information.

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annual leave in order to participate in the march in Selma, Alabama. He stated the appointee is an admirer of GHANDI of India and of MARTIN LUTHER KING and has always taken a nonviolent position with regard to civil rights. He said he considers the appointee to be a very intelligent and capable individual and that he had no reason to question his character, morals, integrity, reputation, loyalty or associates.

SARGENT SHRIVER said that he is also acquainted with the appointee's wife and that he knows they enjoy a good family life. He highly recommended him for appointment to a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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On 5/19/66, IC JERROLD L. WEST reviewed the records of the Library of Congress for any books or other publications by the appointee and the records revealed no publications or articles by the appointee since 1951.

IC MICHAEL V. DEVOL caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on 5/17/66, that the files contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

IC T. STANLEY HARMELL caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Secret Service and was advised on 5/8/66, that the files indicated a White house pass was issued to the appointee on 3/6/61. This pass was canceled in 1962 when the appointee resigned to accept an appointment with the PC.

SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTE caused a search to be made of

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L. C. CROCKER, CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF, DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND CAPT: FRANK LA PORTE, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, SELMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED SA ROBERT L. FRYE ON FIVE TWENTYFOUR INSTANT THAT A SEARCH OF THEIR FILES CONCERNING RACIAL ACTIVITIES AND ARRESTS OCCURING DURING RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN DALLAS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SELMA, RESPECTIVELY, FAILS TO REFLECT ANY CRIMINAL RECORD CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

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MRS. MARIE CREEL. MANAGER, DALLAS COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU, SELMA, ADVISED SA FRYE, FIVE TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, THAT A SEARCH OF HER RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

MISS SHIRLEY MESHER, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA., REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SCLC AND AN ACTIVE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, ADVISED SA RICHARD J. TAMMARO, FIVE TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, THAT SHE DID NOT RECALL THE APPOINTEE AND COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS PRESENCE IN THE SELMA AND/OR DALLAS COUNTY.

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Honorable Marvin Watson

Request received 5/6/66 for investigation of Wofford, who is being considered for Presidential appointment, position not indicated. Wofford, aged 40, was a Special Assistant to the President in 1961 and 1962, and has been employed by the Peace Corps in Ethiopia and Washington, D. C., since 1962. investigation disclosed Wofford had been interested in civil rights and Negro problems for a number of years and, although he had attended conferences having communist influence in the past, he was considered anticommunist and loyal. Current investigation was generally favorable. He was described as an "idea man," an intellectual and "progressive" by associates. One associate is of the opinion he lacks administrative ability and said he has reservations as to Wofford's judgment. gation complete except for a check of the files of the Internal Revenue Service and interview with Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York. Letter and summary are classified "confidential" as

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An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Kr. Wofford in 1960, the results of which were summarized in a memorandum dated December 24, 1960. memorandum covers Mr. Wofford's activities since December, 1960.3-/2-2004 CLASSIFIED IN

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Mr. Wofford continued in his employment as a staff member, Civil Rights Division, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D. C., until February, 1961.

He was employed as a Special Assistant to the President, The White House Office, Washington, D. C., from February, 1961, to June, 1962.

Mr. Wofford has been employed by the Peace Corps since June, 1962. He entered on duty as Peace Corps Representative to Ethiopia and Special Peace Corps Representative for Africa, and in June, 1964, was reassigned as Associate Director for Planning and Evaluation, Peace Corps, Washington, D. C. Since October, 1985, Mr. Wofford has served as Associate Director for Planning, Evaluation and Research, Peace Corps, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Wofford has continued on a leave of absence from his position as a visiting associate professor for research, University of Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana.

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Mr. Wofford and his wife, the former Emmy Lou Lindgren, reside

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## Interviews

Robert Sargent Shriver, Jr., Director, Office of Economic Opportunity, Washington, D. C., advised he has become well acquainted with Mr. Wofford since 1960. He stated Mr. Wofford was extremely devoted to the late President John F. Kennedy. He said Mr. Wofford served under his, Mr. Shriver's, supervision at the Peace Corps while he was Director of the Peace Corps. He stated Mr. Wofford is very intelligent and capable, and advised he has had no reason to question Mr. Wofford's character, integrity, morals, reputation, loyalty or associates. Mr. Shriver stated Mr. Wolford is best utilized in formulating and expressing policy and remarked that he has done very good work handling contacts with professors at various universities in the United States. He described Mr. Wofford as an intellectual and a "progressive," and mentioned that Mr. Wofford had taken leave in order to participate in a march at Selma, Alabama. Mr. Shriver stated Mr. Wofford was an admirer of the late Mohandas K. Gandhi of India and is an admirer of Martin Luther King, Jr., prominent Negro leader. He said Mr. Wofford has always taken a nonviolent position with regard to civil rights. Mr. Shriver said he is aware that Mr. and Mrs. Wofford enjoy a happy home life. He said he would highly recommend Mr. Wofford for appointment to a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

During the 1960 investigation of Mr. Wofford, Mr. Shriver stated he first met Mr. Wofford two years prior to that time and said he had great respect for Mr. Wofford's ability. He advised he had no reason to question Mr. Wofford's character, associates, reputation or loyalty, and highly recommended him for a sensitive position with the Government.

Jack Hood Vaughn, Director, Peace Corps, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Wofford, both professionally and socially, since late 1961, but said he had little contact with him from 1962 to 1964. Mr. Vaughn advised he has supervised Mr. Wofford's work for the past three months. He stated Mr. Wofford is unquestionably a loyal American of excellent character, integrity, reputation and associates. According to Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Wofford is highly intelligent, alert, energetic and dependable. He said

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Mr. Wofford is a planner, an "idea man" and a fine speech writer who appears sincerely interested in civil rights and social justice. Mr. Vaughn advised that Mr. Wofford is widely known and respected in intellectual and academic circles, and his contacts in these fields have been extremely useful to the Peace Corps. Mr. Vaughn recommended Mr. Wofford for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Warren W. Wiggins, Deputy Director, Peace Corps, Washington, D. C., advised he first met Mr. Wofford in February, 1961, and said he has worked very closely with Mr. Wofford since 1964. He mentioned he has been Mr. Wofford's supervisor since July, 1965. Mr. Wiggins advised he has no reason to question Mr. Wofford's loyalty and stated to the best of his knowledge Mr. Wofford's character, habits, morals, integrity, reputation and associates are of the very highest. He described Mr. Wofford as "one of the best idea men in the Peace Corps" and said he is an innovator who likes to originate ideas for making the world a better place in which to live. He advised that, as a result, Mr. Wofford is somewhat maroversial as an administrator since he is not a systematic, type of person. Mr. Wiggins said, however, tofford is ideally suited for an administrative position involving a high degree of intellectual and idea components. He advised he feels, for example, that Mr. Wofford would be an ideal college president or an ambassador, while he would not be well suited for a position such as assistant secretary for administration of a large agency requiring work on detailed matters relating to budget, finance and personnel.

Mr. Wiggins advised that Mr. Wofford is widely known in intellectual circles and communicates superbly with people in academic life. He said Mr. Wofford appears to communicate well with his superiors and most subordinates, but not with those who are not interested in new ideas and new thoughts or who tend to think in "conventional or conservative terms." Mr. Wiggins stated Mr. Wofford is an excellent speech writer and said he has no reason to question his judgment. He advised he has the highest personal regard for Mr. Wofford and stated he would recommend him for any responsible position of trust and confidence with the Government.

George Carter, Regional Director for North Africa. Near East and South Asia, Peace Corps, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Wofford, both socially and professionally, since October, 1960, and said since 1962 he has been acquainted with Mr. Wofford in Ethiopia and Washington, D. C. He stated he considers Mr. Wofford a loval and devoted American of excellent character, morals, integrity and associates, and advised he has no reason to feel he should not be granted a clearance for a responsible Government assignment. Mr. Carter described Mr. Wofford as a very complicated person who is dedicated and a hard worker, and remarked that persons who tend to be like Mr. Wofford think very highly of him. He said he, Mr. Carter, and others agree that Mr. Wofford is dedicated and hardworking, but feel that when Mr. Wofford leaves the realm of generating ideas, he lacks administrative ability and tends to "foul things up." He mentioned that controversy sometimes arises around Mr. Wofford because of his lack of sensitivity to highly complicated personnel situations.

According to Mr. Carter, Mr. Wolford has a great amount of energy and talent which would make him very valuable in certain assignments. He said, however, he would not put Mr. Wofford in charge of a Peace Corps installation in any country and commented that because of his foregoing remarks he would not recommend Mr. Wofford for the position of ambassador to any country. Mr. Carter advised that on occasion Mr. Wofford has hurt the feelings of others or has given them the wrong impression of his attitude because of his apparent inability to communicate his feelings or a lack of perception of delicate situations. In this regard, he stated Mr. Wofford has spent several years and much effort in an honest and completely sincere fight for equal rights for all Americans; however, in dealing with his staff in Ethiopia there were some who served under Mr. Wofford, both Negroes and whites, who were convinced he was a "deep-seated bigot." Mr. Carter said this situation illustrated to him that Mr. Wofford was inept in dealing with these persons, causing them to reach an incorrect conclusion as to his real attitude. He stated he would tend to have reservations regarding Mr. Wofford's judgment, particularly in a time of crisis, but advised this is merely a conclusion he has reached.

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Dianna T. MacArthur, Director, Division of Private and International Organizations, Peace Corps, Washington, D. C., advised she has known Mr. Wofford, primarily on a professional basis, for the past three years. She mentioned she had seen Mr. Wofford from time to time while he was serving in Ethiopia and said she has worked closely with him in Washington, D. C., since 1964. Mrs. MacArthur advised she has no doubt concerning Mr. Wofford's loyalty, adding he is very idealistic and sincere about the United States and its greatness as a country. She stated Mr. Wofford is an "idea man" and an excellent speech writer who is interested in civil rights and social justice. Mrs. MacArthur remarked that Mr. Wofford's character, reputation and associates are of the highest type and said she would not hesitate to recommend him for a Government position of trust. Mrs. MacArthur advised in her judgment Mr. Wofford did a good job in Ethiopia and mentioned he is perhaps best suited for a research or planning role.

William C. Canby, Jr., staff member, Washington, D. C., office of Walter F. Mondale, United States Senator from Minnesota, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Wofford since 1962 and said he served as Mr. Wofford's deputy on a Peace Corps project in Ethiopia for approximately two years. He stated Mr. Wofford had direct supervision over ten or twelve persons and said he appeared to get along well with them and did a good job. Mr. Canby advised he has had close social contact with Mr. and Mrs. Wofford since their return to the United States. He stated in his opinion Mr. Wofford is an "idea man" who is resourceful and aggressive. He said routine administration is not one of Mr. Wofford's "stronger points," but stated he is certainly adequate in this area. Mr. Canby commented favorably concerning Mr. Wofford's character, loyalty, reputation and associates, and recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Robert F. Kennedy, United States Senator from New York, interviewed in Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Wofford since 1960 when Mr. Wofford worked with the late President John F. Kennedy during the election campaign.

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He stated he has also had some limited social contact with Mr. Wofford. Senator Kennedy stated he considers Mr. Wofford very capable and reliable, and advised that when he, Senator Kennedy, was Attorney General of the United States he considered employing Mr. Wofford in the Department of Justice. He said he has no reason to question Mr. Wofford's character, loyalty, reputation or associates, and highly recommended him for a sensitive position with the Government.

Eighteen additional persons, including professional associates and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They commented favorably concerning Mr. Wofford's character, loyalty, reputation and associates, and those well acquainted with Mr. Wofford recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government. Mr. Wofford was described as intelligent, conscientious, capable, alert and hardworking. It was stated he is creative, energetic and responsible. An individual who worked under Mr. Wofford's supervision in Ethiopia advised he was well liked by his superiors and his subcrdinates. Persons acquainted with Mr. Wofford's close relatives said they are considered loyal Americans of good reputation.

#### Close Relatives

Mr. Wofford's mother, Estelle Gardner Wofford, is deceased. He has the following living close relatives in addition to his wife and children, mentioned previously:

Father	Harris L. Wofford, Sr. Istanbul, Turkey
Stepmother	Phyllis Taylor Wofford Istanbul, Turkey
Brother	
Sister	Mrs. Sheldon K. (Anne) Towson, Jr.

Shaker Heights, Ohio

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### Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received indicating that the files of appropriate credit reporting agencies in the United States contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Wofford and that the files of appropriate law enforcement agencies in the United States contain no record of Mr. Wofford or his close relatives.

#### Bar Affiliation

Mr. Wofford was admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia on October 15, 1954, and is presently in good standing. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States on May 1, 1958. He is a member in good standing of the American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois. No grievances have been filed against Mr. Wofford.

## Clearance

Mr. Wofford was granted a top secret security clearance by the Agency for International Development on June 19, 1962, and this clearance is presently active.

## Passport Record

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, indicate Mr. Wofford was issued a passport on April 18, 1961, for proposed travel of three weeks to various countries on official business. These files were found to contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Wofford.

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## Agency Checks

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Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Wofford:

Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil
Service Commission; House Committee on
Un-American Activities; Office of Special
Investigations, Department of the Air Force;
G-2, United States Army Investigative Records
Repository, Fort Holabird, Maryland; Office of
Security, Agency for International Development;
Peace Corps; United States Secret Service; and
the White House Office.

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In November, 1961, information was received that a delegation planned to present a petition to several Federal officials in Washington, D. C., seeking Executive clemency for Carl James Braden and Frank Byron Wilkinson. It was indicated that one Selma Rein, who had been identified as a member of the Communist Party in the past, stated that the delegation would go to the White House and see one Harris Wolford and that Mr. Wolford "is behind us 100 per cent."

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Carl James Braden and Frank Byron Wilkinson, mentioned previously, were convicted for contempt of Congress for refusing to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities when asked about their Communist Party membership. On April 1, 1961, they commenced serving one-year prison terms after the United States Supreme Court had denied their appeals on February 27, 1961. Both Braden and Wilkinson had been identified as members of the Communist Party in the past and both had been active in various committees attempting to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

During this investigation informants familiar with some Communist Party and related activities in the Washington, D. C., area advised they possess no information concerning Mr. Wofford.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Wofford.

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Honorable Marvin Watson Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to my letter dated June 2, 1966, which furnished you a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation conducted concerning Mr. Harris Llewellyn Wofford, Jr., who is being considered for a Presidential appointment.

Jacob K. Javits, United States Senator from New York, interviewed in Washington, D. C., advised he is not acquainted with Mr. Wofford and said he is unable to furnish any comments concerning him.

When the results of a check of the records of another governmental agency are received, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

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HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR.

Born: April 9, 1926 New York, New York

Applicant-type investigations were conducted in 1960 and 1966 concerning the captioned individual. The results of

For detailed results of these investigations, you are referred to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House.

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NOTE: 1960 investigation disclosed Wofford had been interested In civil rights and Negro problems for a number of years and, although he had attended conferences having communist influence in the past, he was considered anticommunist and loyal. He was described as an "idea man," an intellectual and "progressive" by associates. One associate is of the opinion he lacks administrative ability and said he has reservations as to Wofford's judgement.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

November 29, 196

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE MARVIN WATSON Special Assistant to the President The White House

Attention: Mrs. Mildred Stegall

HARRIS LLEWELLYN WOFFORD, JR., date of birth April 9, 1926, of the Peace Corps, is under consideration for membership to the Advisory Committee on the Teacher Corps, Office of Education of this Department.

The F. B. I. has advised that applicant-type investigations were conducted in 1960 and 1966 concerning Mr. Harris, the results of which were furnished to the White House.

It would be appreciated if you would authorize the F. B. I. to release the results of the investigation to this office.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Rec'd 12/6/67 Summation dated 6/2/66 and 12/24/60 to Mrs. Stegall 12/7/67

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